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That's me!

THE **PATSY WALKER**
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Since losing her gig as a private investigator, Patsy started a temp agency for super-powered people who aren't interested in the hero business.

But they were too late to stop B.C. from stealing some blinged-out claws, slashing Bailey, and bringing her over to the dark side! What the *how?!?*

She's made a bunch of friends on the job! There's her childhood pal **Tom Hale**, her telekinetic roommate **Ian Soo**, **Bailey** (master of a magical satchel of holding), former X-person **Jubilee**...

These drastic times inspired Ian to dashing measures! He jumped into heroics just in time to help Patsy stop Black Cat from getting away with a costume-museum heist.

But Patsy's not the only cat with a clowder in the neighborhood! **Black Cat** has recruited a gang, the **Black Cats**. So far, two of them (including Ian's ex **Zoe**!?) got in a fight with Ian and Patsy, and the others kidnapped Bailey!

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QUEENS. NOW.



So, my pretties...what do you think? You hand over my girls and I give you back your *friend* here, safe as houses. Fair deal, n'est-ce pas?



I don't like this, Pats.

Me either. Something's up--I can feel it.

Magic?

Possibly.

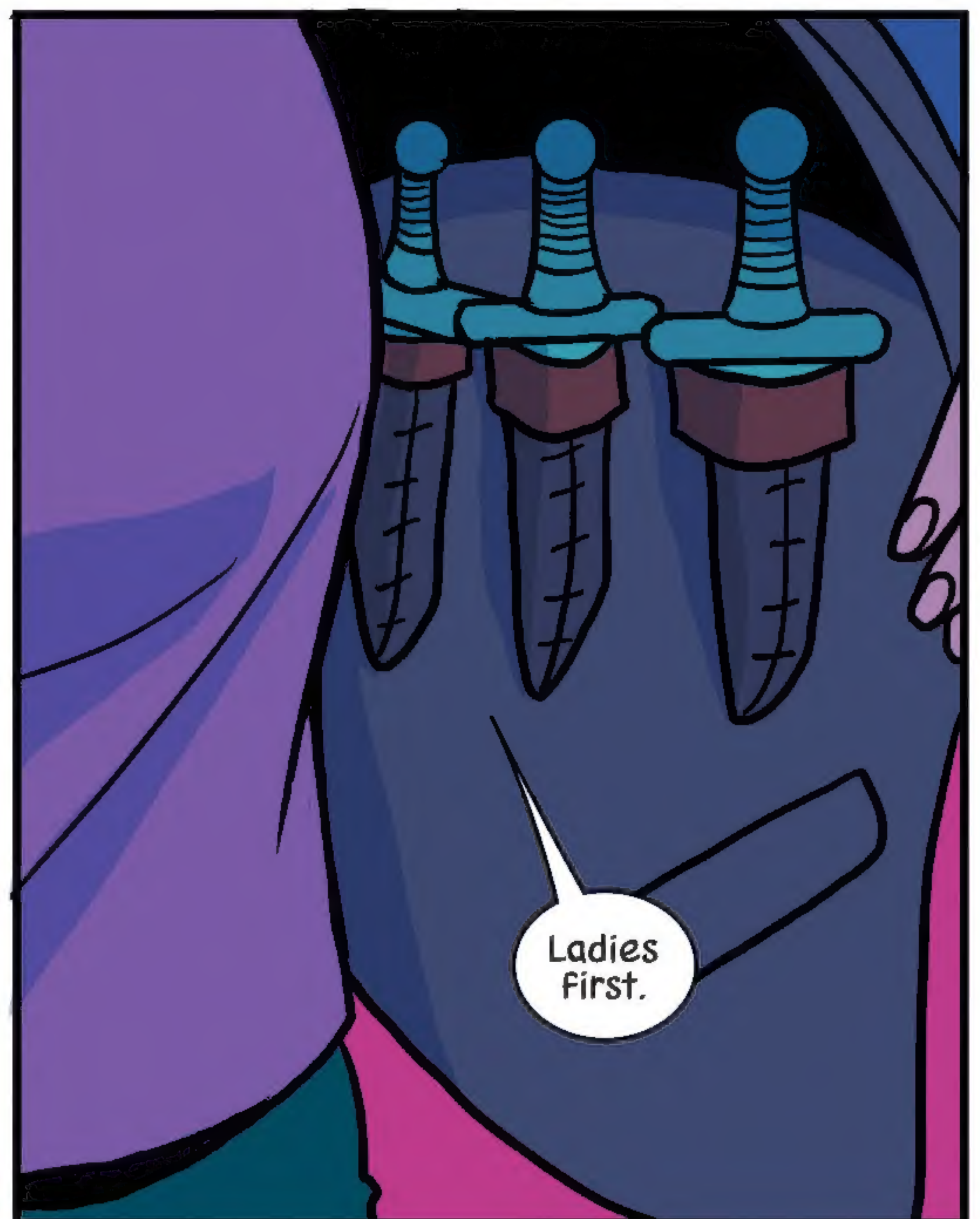


Um...

Sorry, did we miss something? What magic?



Watch and learn, kittens.

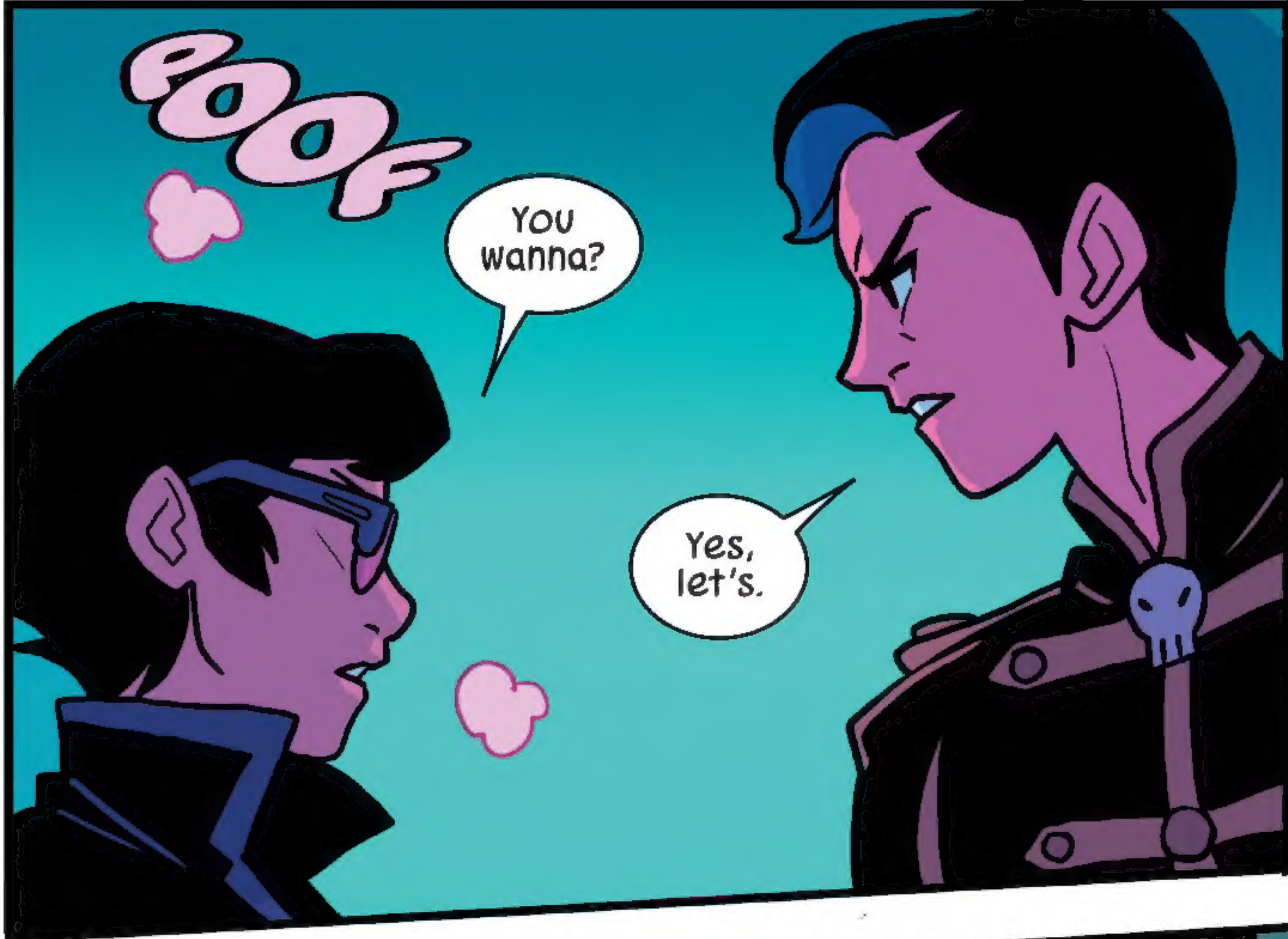






That was rude.

HELLCAT!



You wanna?

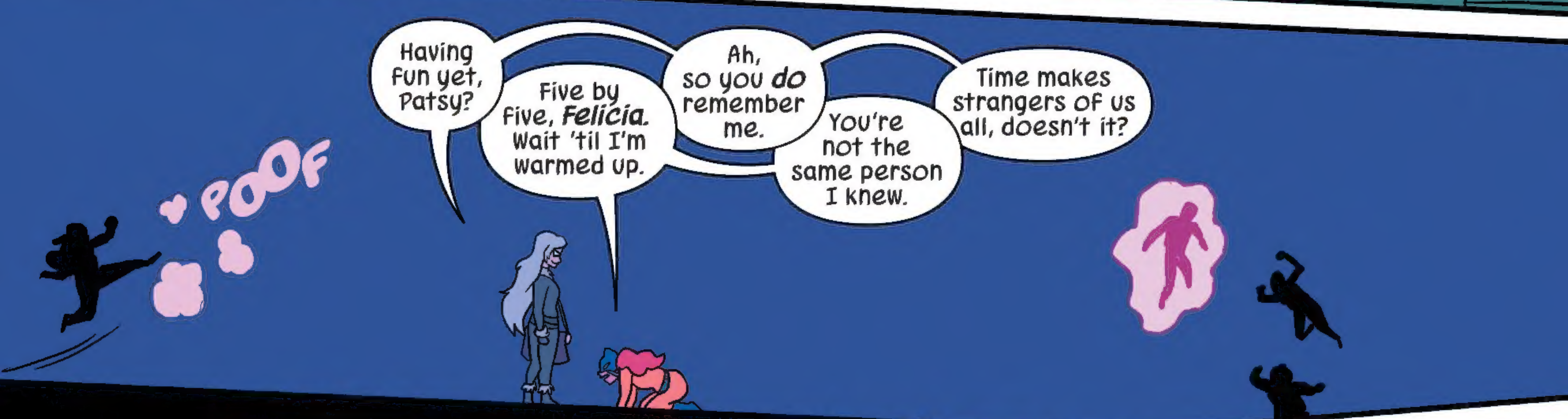
Yes, let's.



HURK!

WAAAGH!

WAAAGH!



Having fun yet, Patsy?

Five by five, Felicia. Wait 'til I'm warmed up.

Ah, so you do remember me.

You're not the same person I knew.

Time makes strangers of us all, doesn't it?



Here, let me help you up.

Nnn--AGH!

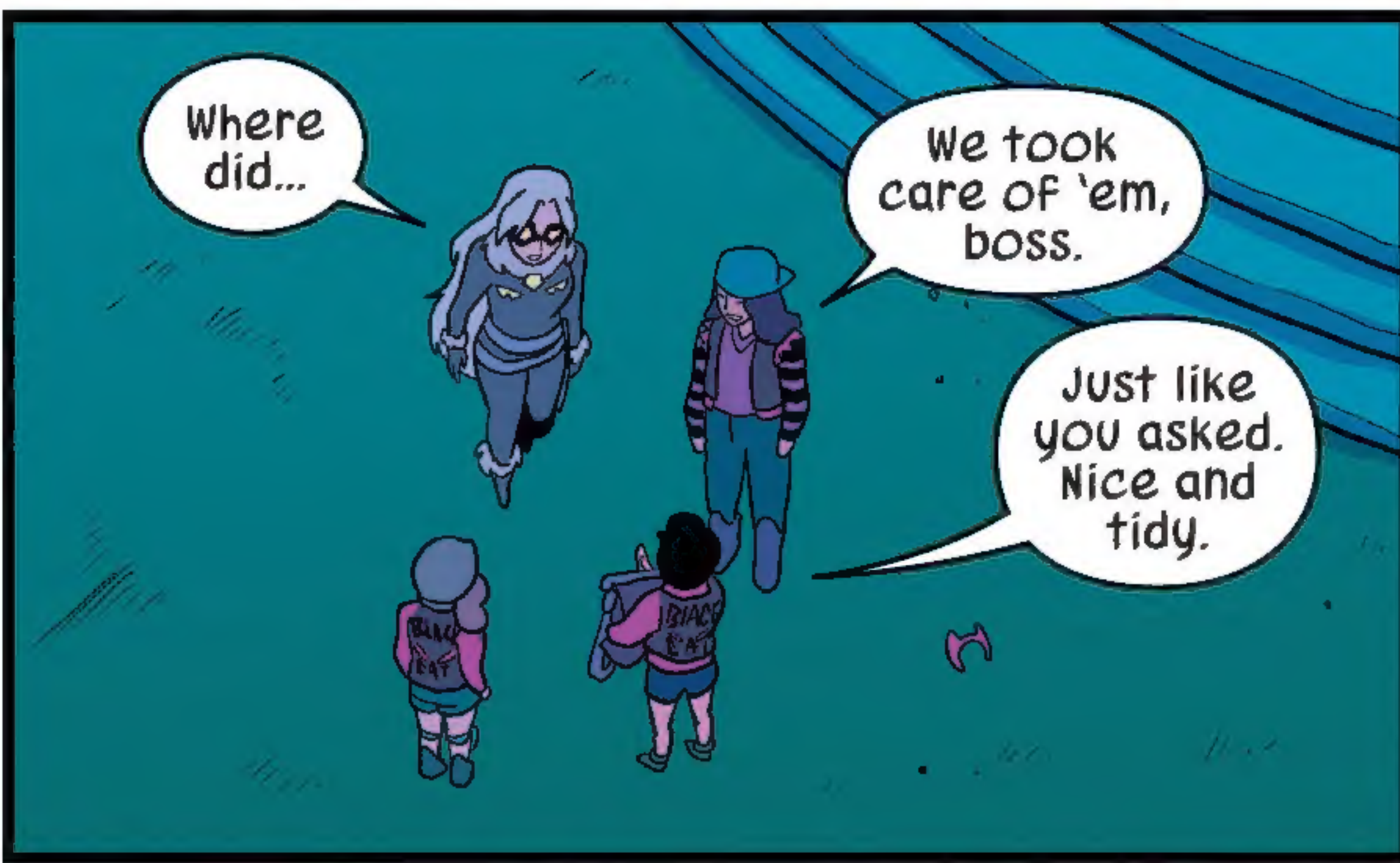
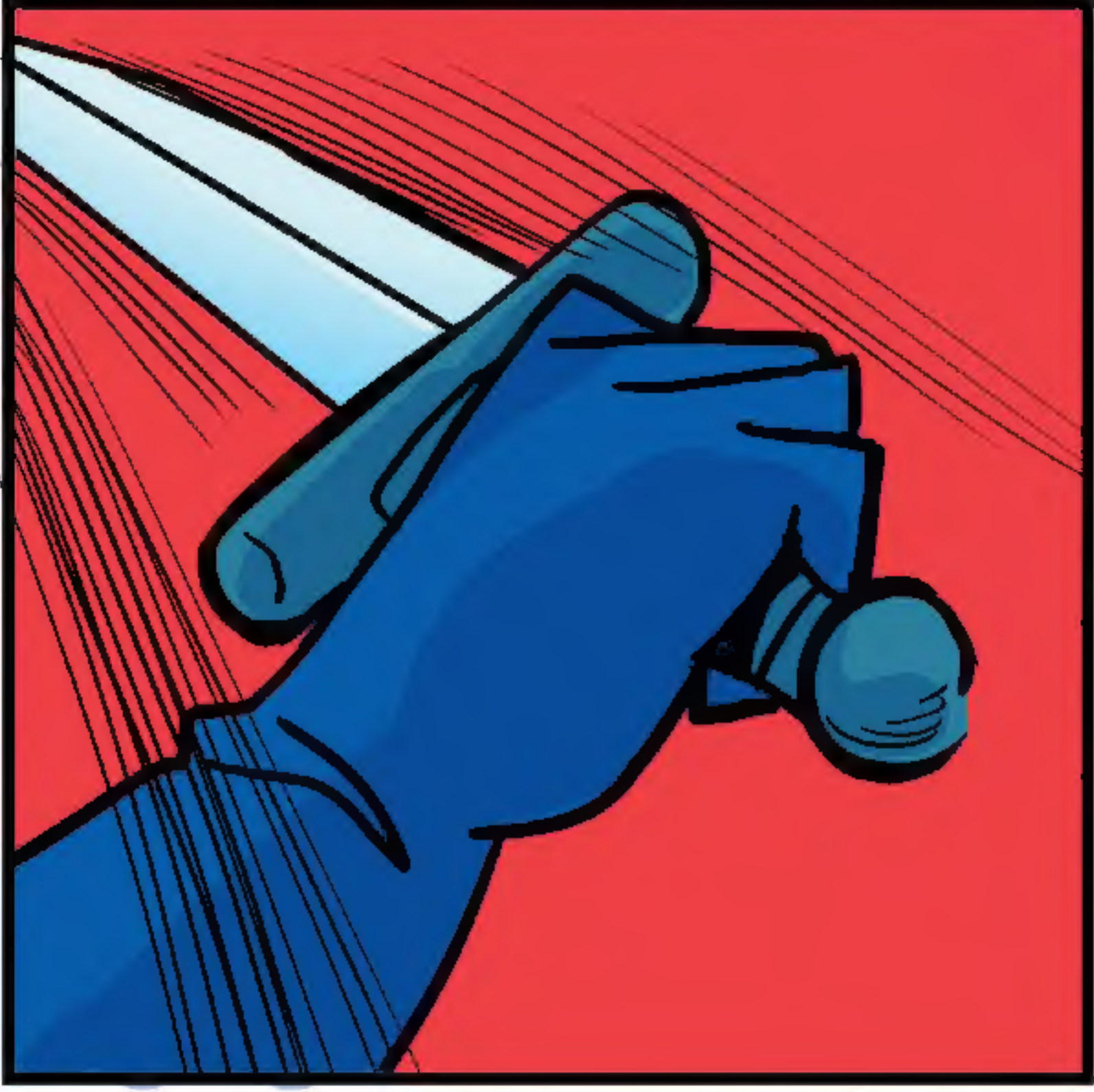


Why are you here? Why not flit around Europe holding up quaint little galleries or moon over Spider-Man?

I do not moon.



You, however...



Where...
am I?

I swear,
if I'm in Hell
again, I'm going
to be so
ficked.

We must be,
'cause I've got no
reception in here. I
bet Hell has
terrible wifi.

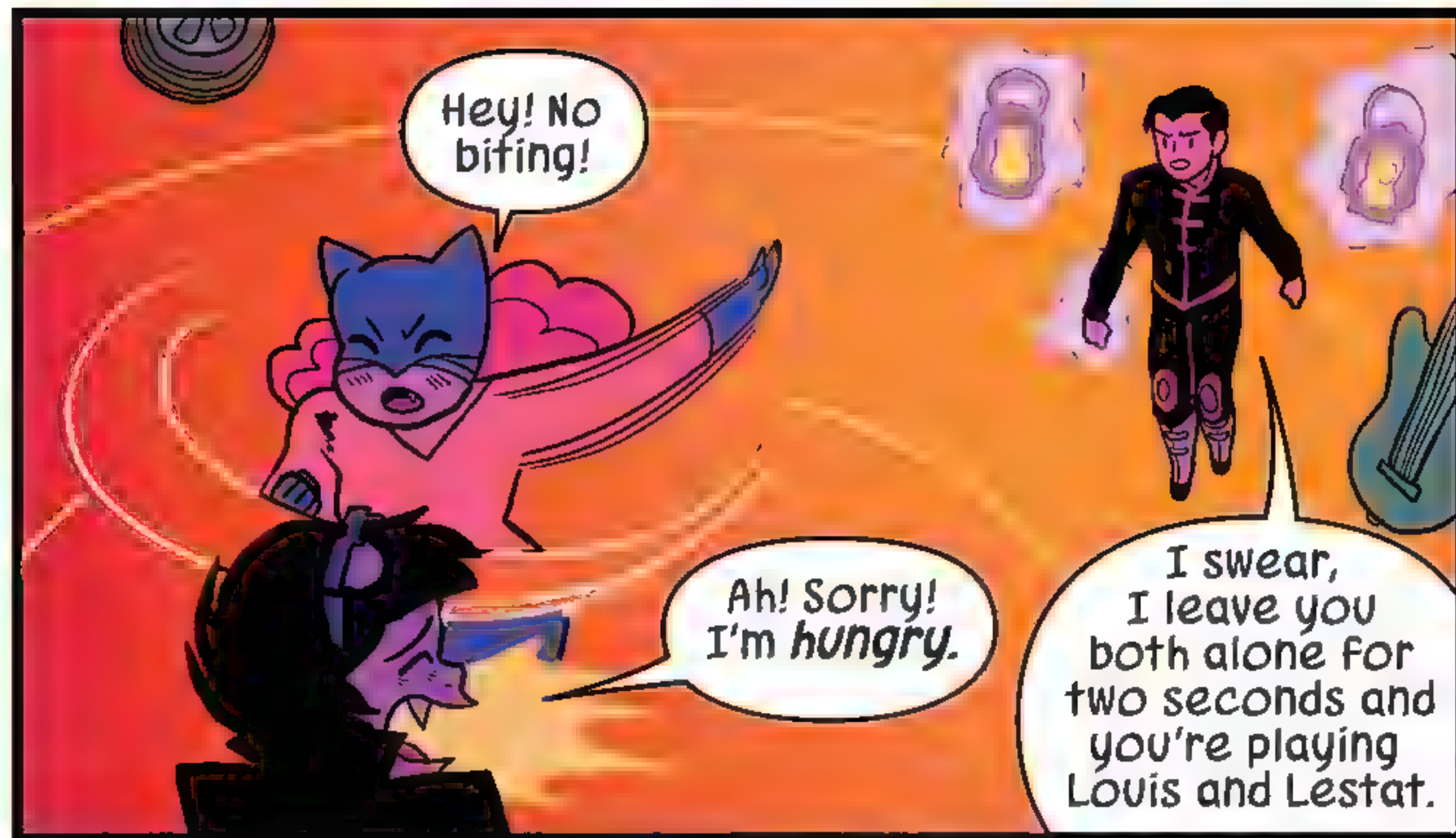
IAN!

And vampy
makes three.
Looks like they
got all of us.

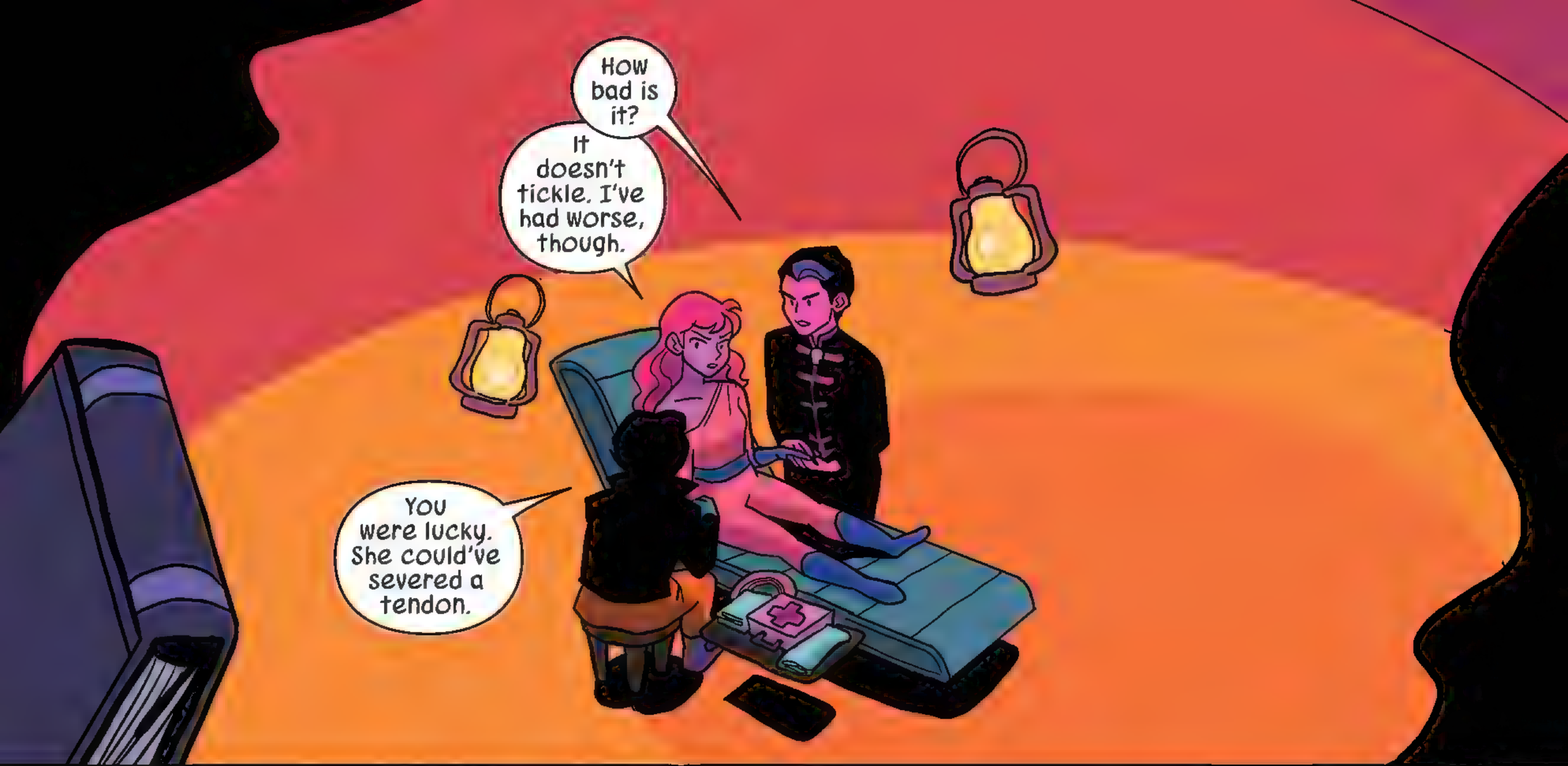
Bailey
did this, didn't
she?

Sucked
us into her
carry-on.

This vampire
thing can be kind
of a bust, but the
night vision sure
comes in
handy.







How bad is it?

It doesn't tickle. I've had worse, though.

You were lucky. She could've severed a tendon.



You've done this before?

I lived in the X-Mansion and I've got a toddler--not much I can't patch up. Can you change out of the costume?

Yeah, hold on.

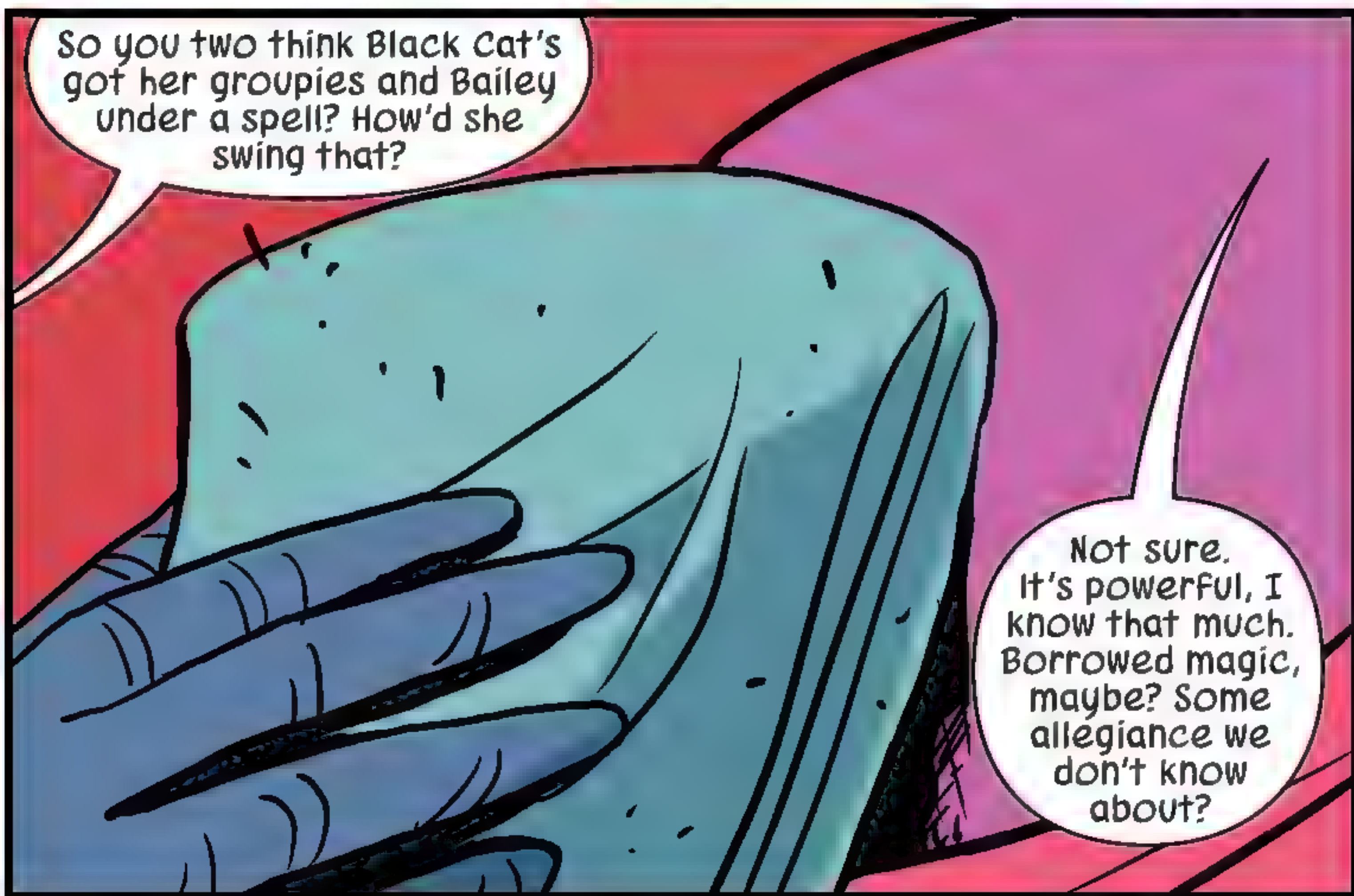
I'll just...



Huh. Doesn't work in here.

Too bad. Guess I'll just have to stare at all that blood...

Scissors, please. Hurry.



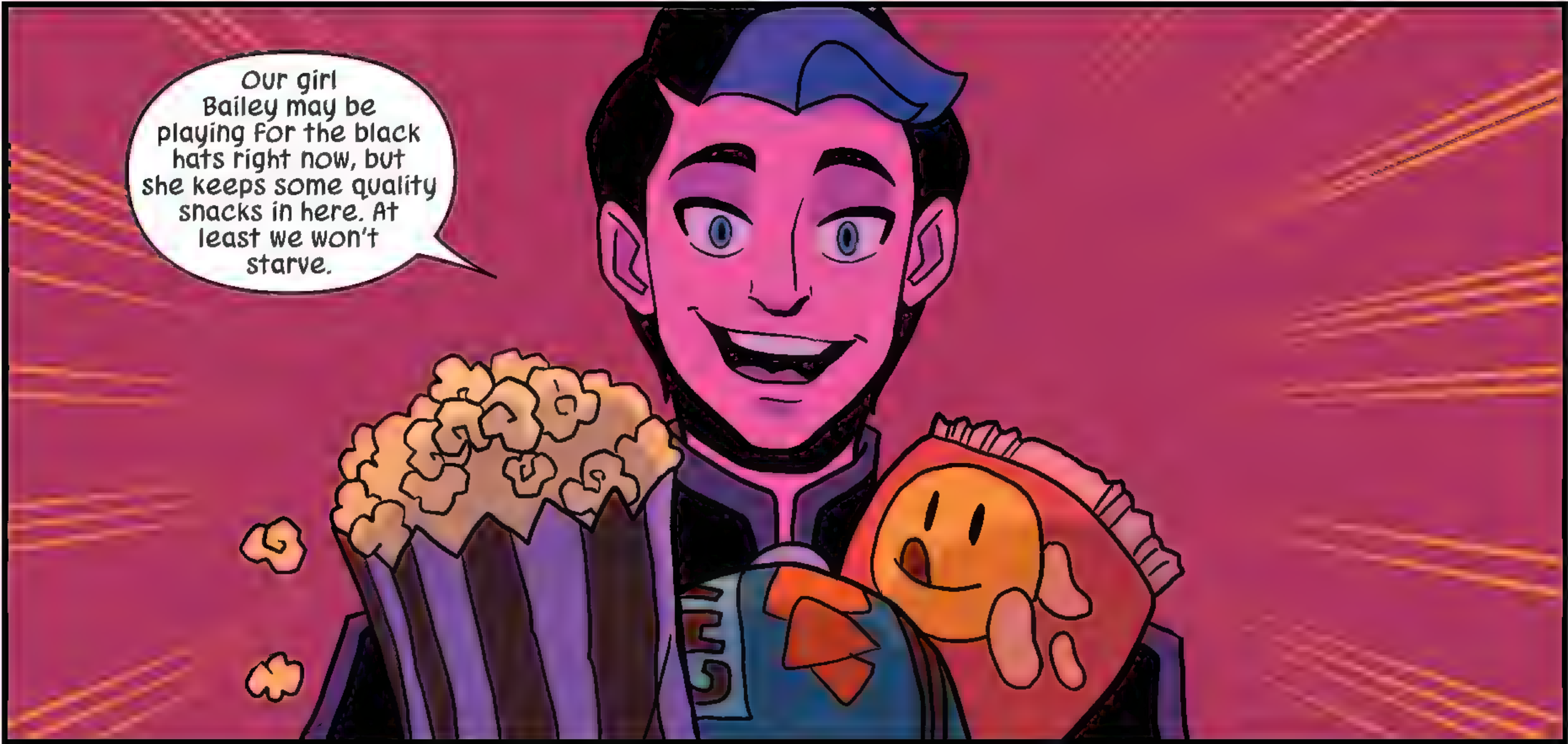
So you two think Black Cat's got her groupies and Bailey under a spell? How'd she swing that?

Not sure. It's powerful, I know that much. Borrowed magic, maybe? Some allegiance we don't know about?



Or she's just paying them *really* well.





BLACK CAT'S LAIR.
NOW.

Well,
well. Look
what the *cat*
dragged in.



Hoo boy,
I, uh, bet you
never get tired
of that one.

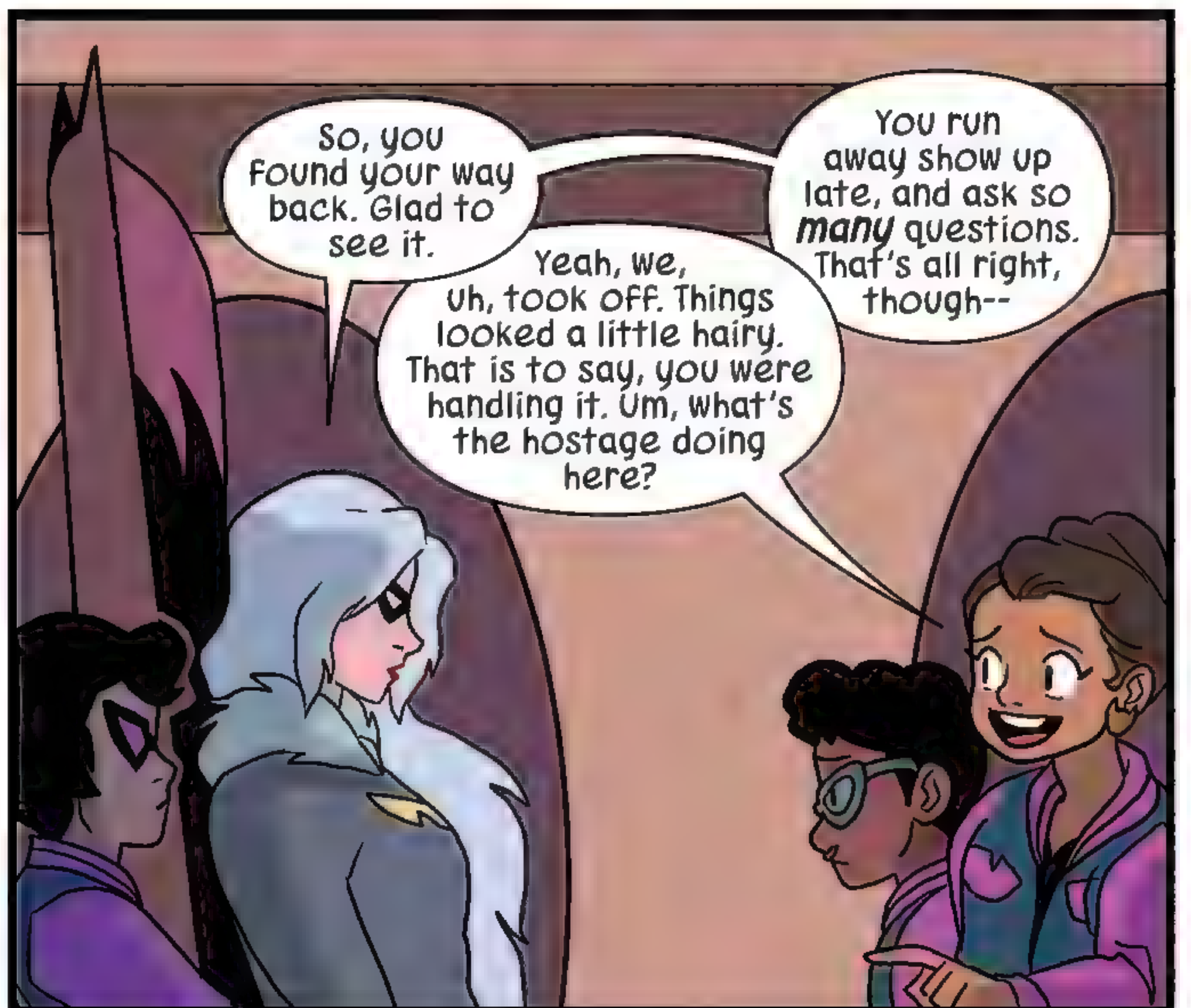
Cool
it, would
you?



So, you
found your way
back. Glad to
see it.

Yeah, we,
uh, took off. Things
looked a little hairy.
That is to say, you were
handling it. Um, what's
the hostage doing
here?

You run
away show up
late, and ask so
many questions.
That's all right,
though--



--you've
caught me
in a very
forgiving
mood.



What are
those?







Is this *really* necessary?



In a perfect world, no.

Don't be upset, we just like our blood in our bodies.



And these?

When we get out of here, I'll show you a photo of my eighth-grade haircut.



Patsy, I accept your terms.



We know we're stuck until the bag reopens, which could be any minute. The second we see light, Ian, you try to whoosh us out of here, or at least block the entrance.

No problem.

It'll be easier if we're closer to the top, so to speak.

Exactly.

Okay, gang...





Okay, I can't keep this up. Meet you at the top!

Hey, that's cheating! Those are for your protection! And mine!

Last one there's a rotten Skrull!

You guyyyyyyys!

Hey... that's my good pen!

Theft's back on the menu, then?

I think Bailey took this! She is in *so much trouble* after I save her life.

Stealing and *seducing* are generally her go-tos. Maybe she got bored. Midlife crisis?

Don't be *catty*--wait. Nope. I did not just say that.

...let's GO!

What do you s'pose she's after?

Magic, entrapment, espionage... Not her usual wheelhouse?

Felicia? Normally I'd say money or material goods, but this time I just don't know.

68 JAY STREET. NOW.

Jubilee's office is up here. She's got all the records and contacts.

Encrypted?

Patsy can barely use emoji. Try "Password123."

STORAGE

I'll, uh, double-check Hellcat's office. In case we missed anything the first time.

Good thinking. Be quick.

Bailey?
It's Bailey, right?

Tom.
You're Ian's... boss.

And then some. He's what I'm here about, actually. Patsy, too. I can't get a hold of either of them.

Have you tried texting? I know I hate making actual phone calls.

Nothing goes through. I went by their place and nobody was around... Ian was supposed to meet me hours ago.

We had a date.









Come on. We needn't concern ourselves with them. Bigger fish to fry. *Allons-y.*

Catch you later, peaches. Don't wait up.



Tom! WAIT!

Stop! There's too many of them! She's got him under whatever hex got Bailey. We need a plan.



It's the claws.

Zoe? I swear, I'll--

Hold on.



There's no magic here. She didn't get you.

We can fight if you want, or...I can tell you what she took, and where she's going with it.



I know how to break the spell.



Jubes? Can we use your espresso machine?



"I have a feeling it's going to be a long night."

TO BE CONTINUED...



HELLO, KITTIES

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Tom!! We gotta get Tom back! No matter how cute he looks in that Black Cats jacket! Oh, I didn't see you there, readers. Hello! Brittney's recently recovered from a serious cold/flu, so she's catching up on work. But we're still sending her your letters, and we'll get her and Kate tag-teaming "Hello, Kitties" again as soon as we can. In the meantime, here's Kate!

Heya, Hellkittens! It's me, your humble scribe. Before we get to our AMAZING letters, I just want to extend a huge hug to everyone feeling scared and worried by everything going on in the world. We love you. We're pretty freaked out, too. We hope comics and stories are a little patch of brightness in an uncertain world, and that those heroes encourage you to be one, too--get out there, make yourself heard, and fight for what's right in whatever way you can. YOU GOT THIS.

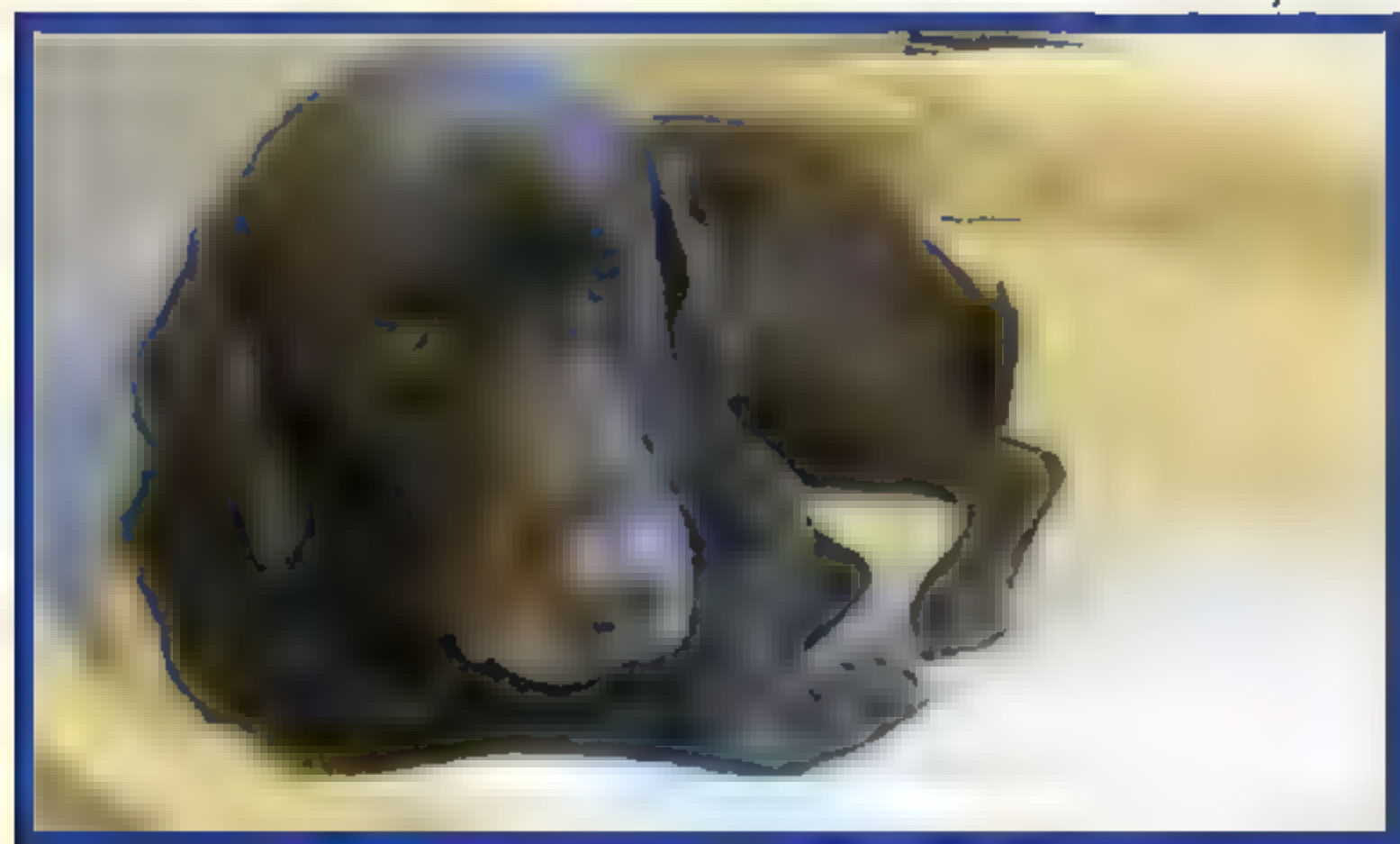
Now, I'll get off my soapbox. It's time for CUTE PETS.

Hey, HELLCAT Crew--Peter here!

I LOVE your comics! You're bringing back some really memorable characters like Jubilee and Valkyrie. But what I REALLY like is that you got Mad Dog back into Marvel comics. Me and my dog Barkley are pretty excited, as you can see below.

Anyway, I'm super excited for more HELLCAT, so keep up the good work!

Peter Johnston
Dover, MA



RAWR! What a cutie!! I love this friend, what a good friend. A++.

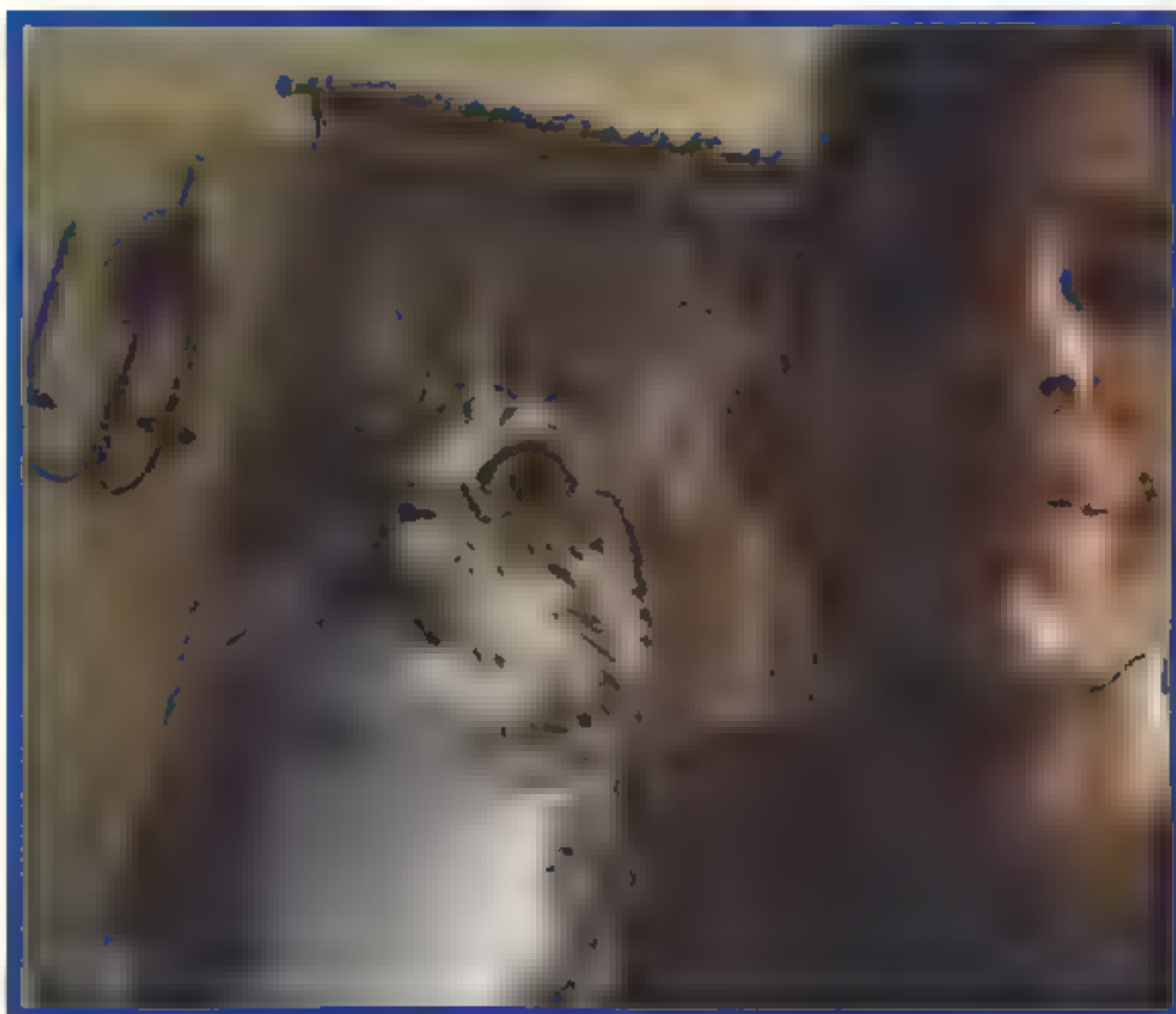
Hi PWAKAHC Crew,

I've been buying your rad comic book since my boss recommended issue #1 (I work at a comic book store). I was a big fan of the SHE-HULK comic and learned of Patsy through that also-rad series, so when I was told Miss Walker was getting her own book after the conclusion of SHE-HULK, I was more than glad to fill that slot on my pull list with your comic! Not only are the stories great and the illustrations adorable, but I also love the diversity that exists in this series. It's nice to see relationships like Ian and Tom's in my monthly stories. Also, VAMPIRES AND DEMONS?! You guys are bringing all my favorite characters from other comics into your narrative and that's amazing. (I'm looking at you, Jubes and Hellstrom.)

Anyways, the reason I'm writing in today,

in addition to letting you guys know that I love your book, is because I'm trying to get my boyfriend to read this comic book. It takes a lot of work to get him to read comics, but I'm hoping if a picture of me with his kitty, "Kitty," A.K.A. "Vimi," A.K.A. "Beans," (he goes by many names), shows up in this book, he'll give it a shot! Also, if it helps, his kitty looks like Biggs the Cat from another one of my favorite series, HOWARD THE DUCK! Hmm... All the comics I like have ended. Please maybe print this picture, and absolutely don't go away, PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT!

Thank you,
Elias Naim Batche



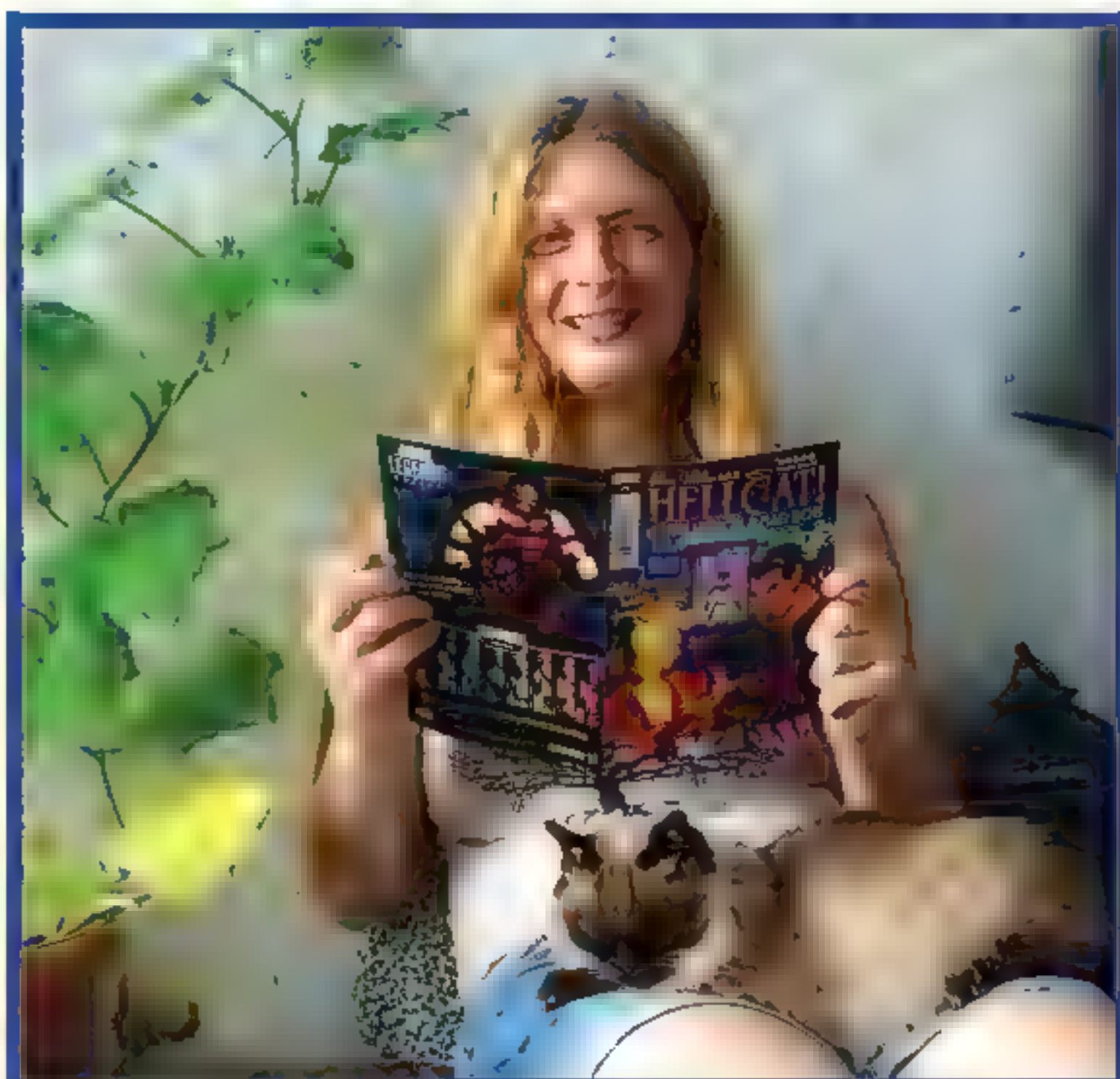
Ohhh, Elias! Your letter is the sweetest! I hope your bf gives it a shot, and that is one cute kitty. Did you know Biggs the Cat is a REAL cat? It's true. I've petted him. He's watched me USE THE TOILET. I'm admitting that to you, here, and I trust you to keep it a secret, okay?!

Hello, Hellcats,

I just wanted to write and say how much I love what you're doing with HELLCAT, and I especially love that you have LGBT characters as well. This is all sorts of awesome, so thank you!

Because you can never have enough photos of kitties, I'm sending you a pic of me reading HELLCAT with my girlfriend's cat. She's called Hiphop and she loves laps and HELLCAT, obvs.

You kids rock!
Freiya
Brighton, UK



OHH, FREIYA, you Scandinavian/English goddess! And Hiphop! What a joy! Gosh, we

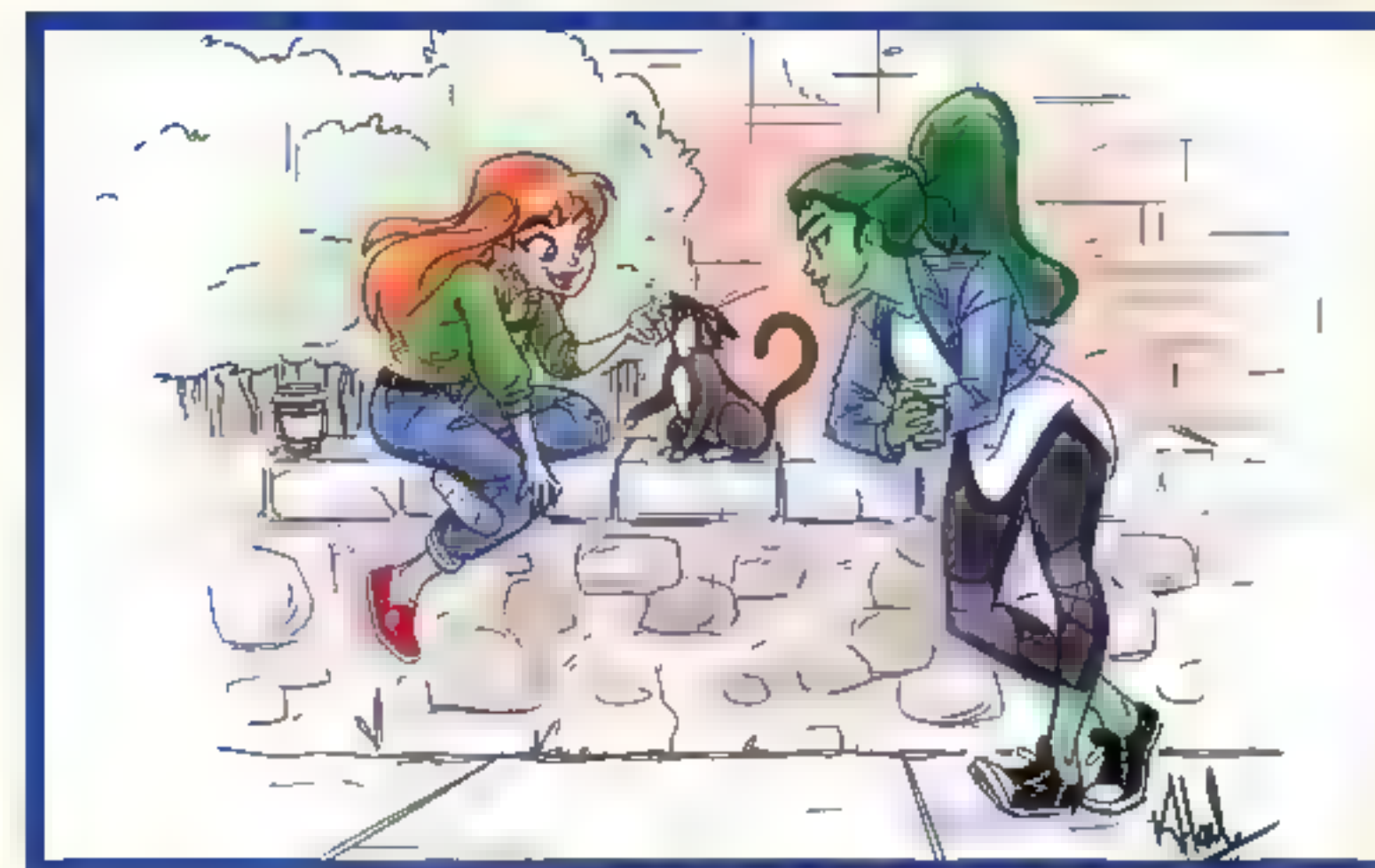
have the cutest readers with the cutest pets. Thank you for writing. And hey, we'll keep it queer to our dying day. I don't know any other way to be, ESPECIALLY now. Rainbows everywhere.

Dear PATSY WALKER Team!

Thank you so much for all the amazing work you do on HELLCAT. It's hands down one of my favorite comics ever. I wish your book had been around when I was young and just starting to get into comics. I didn't always find books that totally gelled with my sensibility, or wrote or portrayed female protagonists in a way I fully liked. I know it would have meant so much to me as a young lady who wanted to make comics herself to see a North American book like HELLCAT written and drawn by women back then. It's what I've always been wanting to read, but couldn't find! And now here it is! And the HELLCAT team is CRUSHING IT! I'm excited to think that you guys are inspiring even more young lady creators who are going to grow up and make awesome stories and art for everyone to enjoy. So, thank you for making one of the best things going! And even though I'm older now, and didn't get into making comics myself (I got into animation instead), HELLCAT still inspires the hell outta me!

Katrina Hadley
Vancouver, Canada

P.S. I've included a rare photo of my cats Jessie (orange) and Percy (tuxedo) sitting together. And some PATSY WALKER fan art!



KATRINA! You are just the best, the very best, and thank you so, so much for your art (IRL and here!). People reading may not know this, but my name is actually also Katrina, so I believe our bond is deep and meaningful. You rule, and we're lucky to have you as a reader. Gosh, I miss Shulkie so much. <3

Come on back next time, Hellkittens! We're headed for a throw-down, show-down, tell-everyone-you-know-down!

See you soon!
Kathleen

**YOU WANT TO KNOW
WHAT HAPPENS *NEXT?***



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Zoe narrowly missed getting clawed, and she wants to help Patsy and co. free her friends from Felicia's spell. But will her past with Ian get in the way? In other words... can an old cat learn new tricks?

She's made a bunch of friends on the job! There's her childhood pal **Tom Hale**, her telekinetic roommate **Ian Soo**, **Bailey** (master of a magical satchel of holding), former X-person **Jubilee**...

Even with Ian in full hero-mode, Patsy couldn't stop Black Cat from stealing sparkly claws that put whoever they scratch under mind control, then growing her gang, slashing Tom and Bailey and making them fight their friends!

But Patsy's not the only cat with a clowder in the neighborhood! **Black Cat** has recruited a gang, the **Black Cats**. So far, two of them (including Ian's ex **Zoe**!?) got in a fight with Ian and Patsy, and the others kidnapped Bailey!

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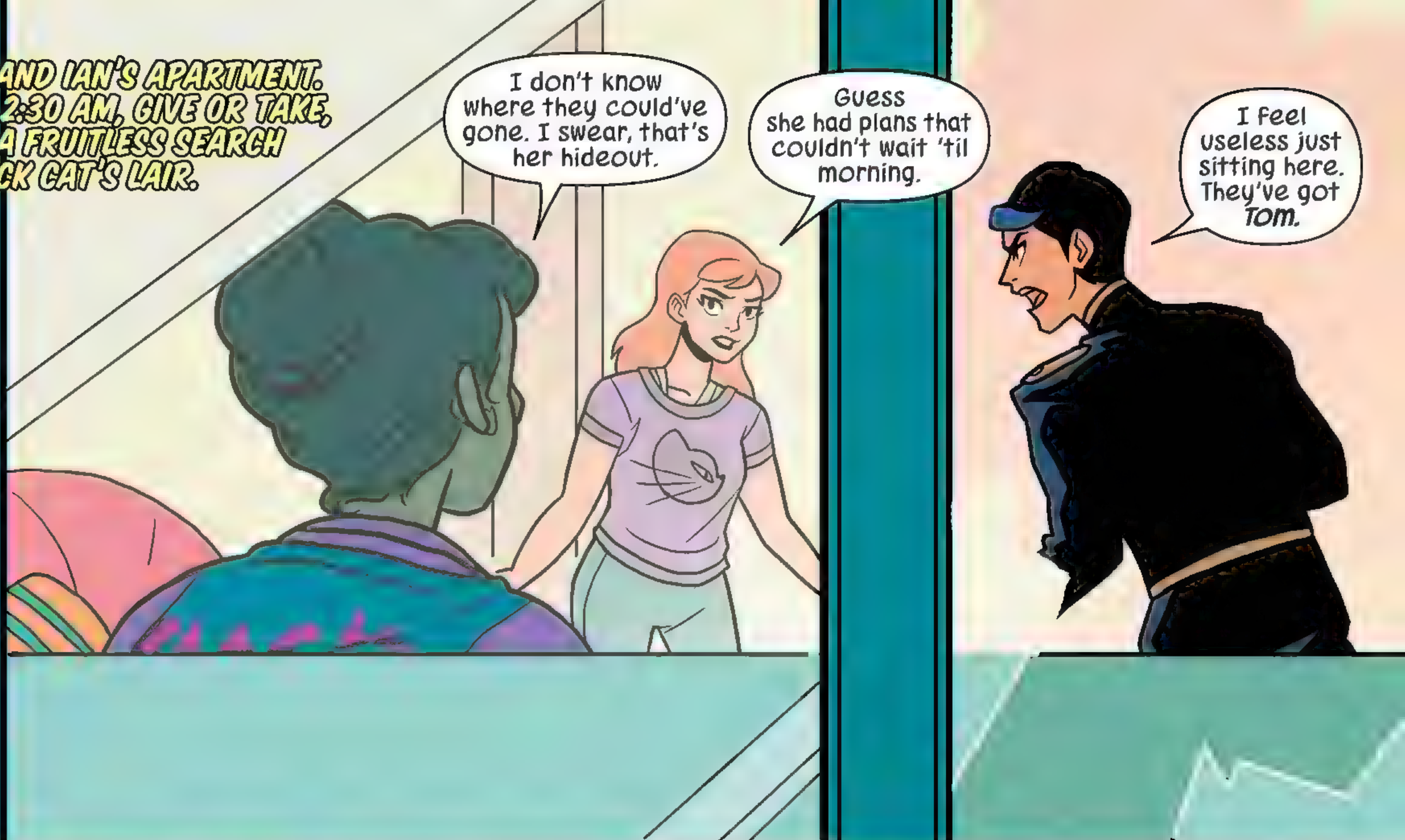
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PATSY AND IAN'S APARTMENT.
ABOUT 2:30 AM, GIVE OR TAKE,
AFTER A FRUITLESS SEARCH
OF BLACK CAT'S LAIR.



I don't know
where they could've
gone. I swear, that's
her hideout.

Guess
she had plans that
couldn't wait 'til
morning.

I feel
useless just
sitting here.
They've got
Tom.



Zoe,
are you sure that's
the only place she
hangs out?

That I know
of. Like I said, we've
only been working for her
a couple days. Not like she
briefed us on her whole
master plan.



If she
hurts him, I
swear--

She won't.
He's big, and he
knows you both.
She'll keep him
close.



You knew
about all this before
she got her mind-control
claws. You let this
happen.

He's not
my **friend**, Zoe,
he's--

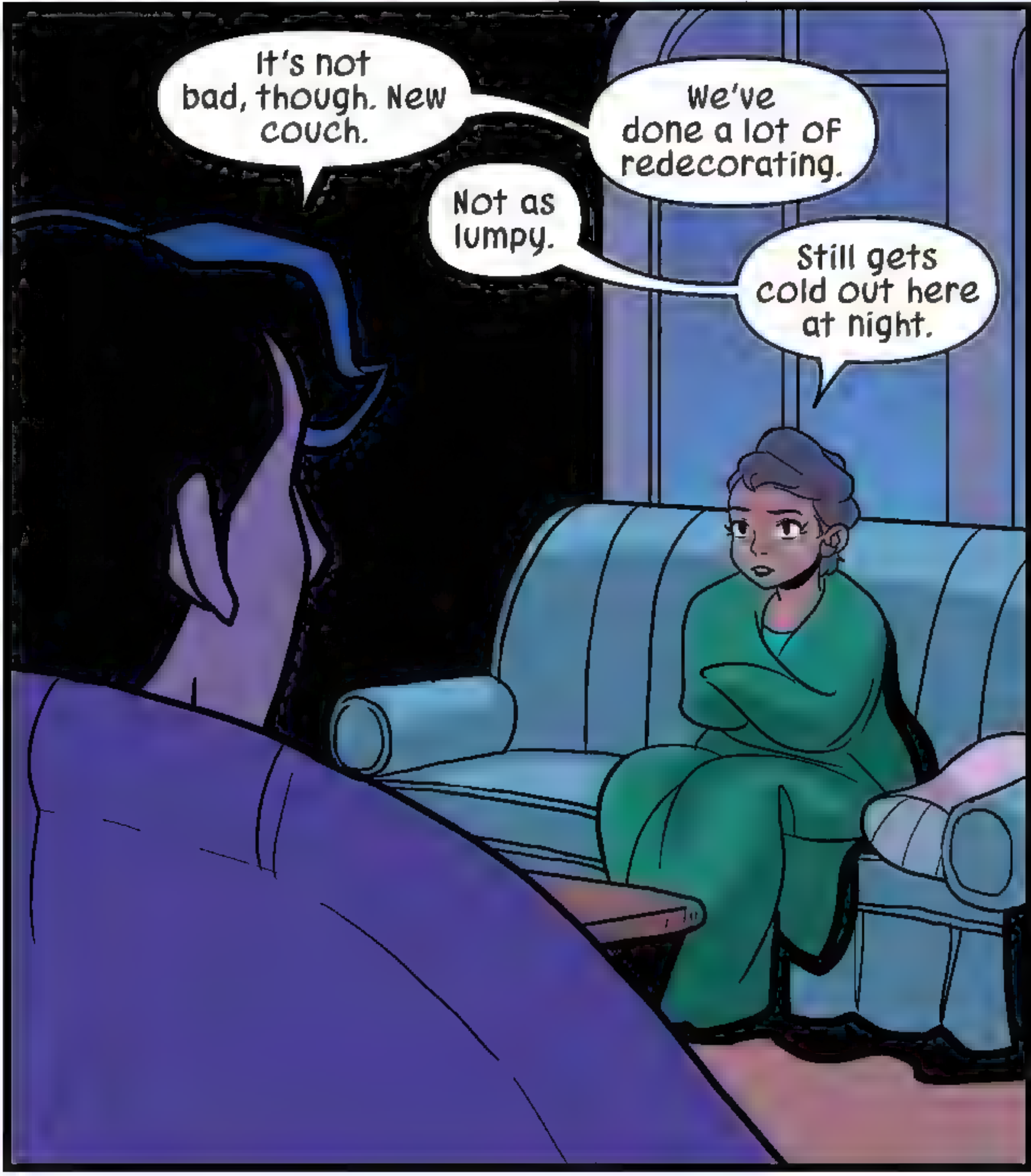
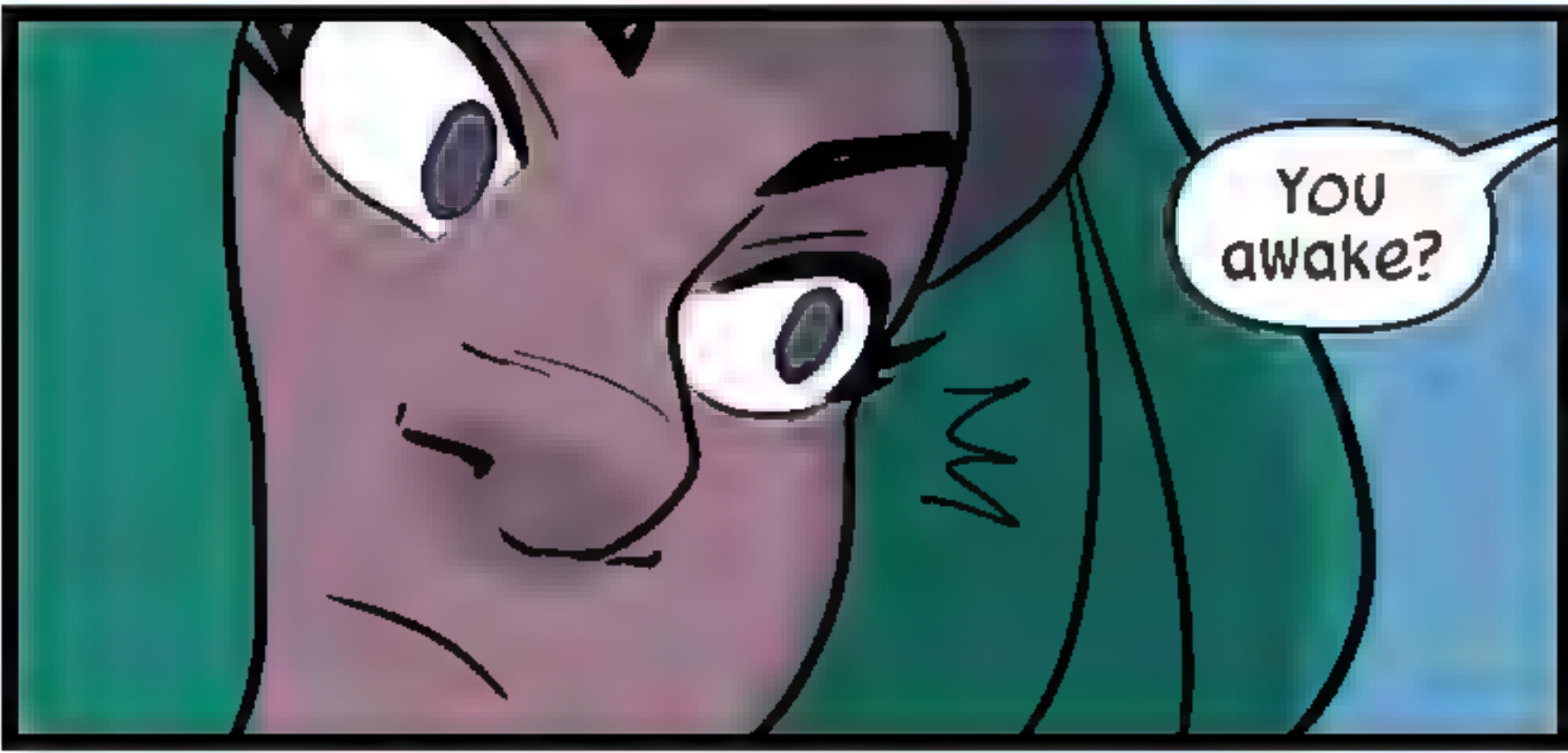
All I knew
was I was getting
paid. Your **friend** is
the one who got
in her way.

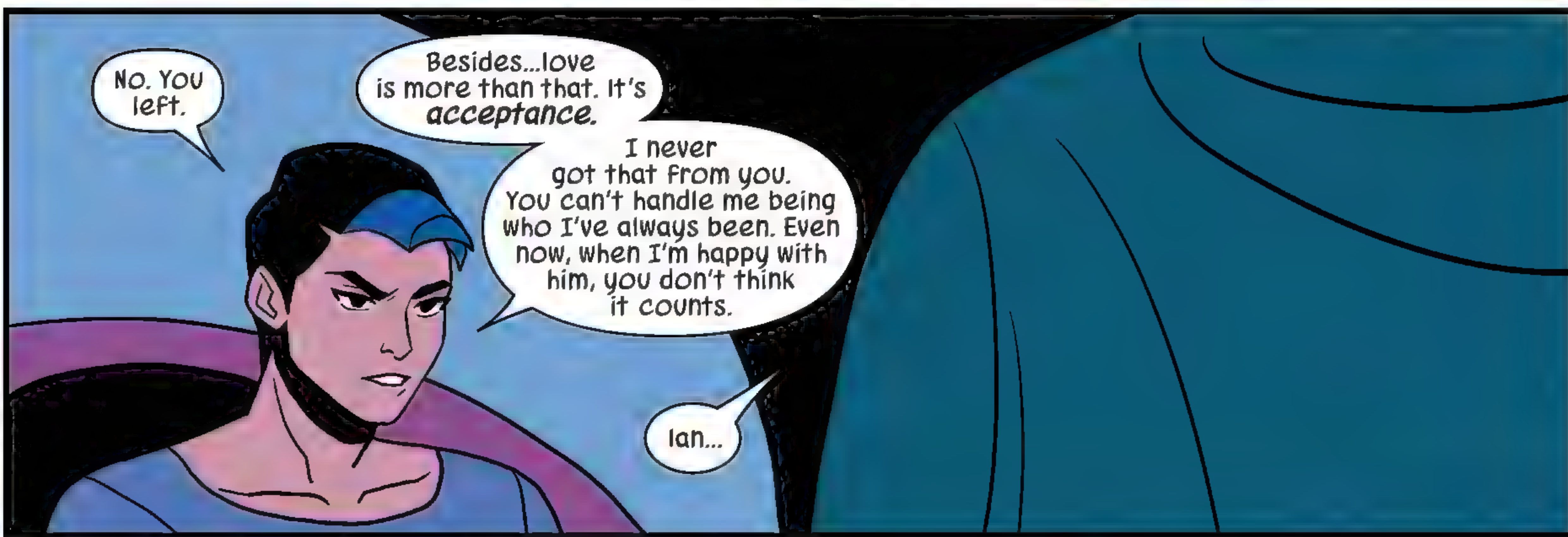


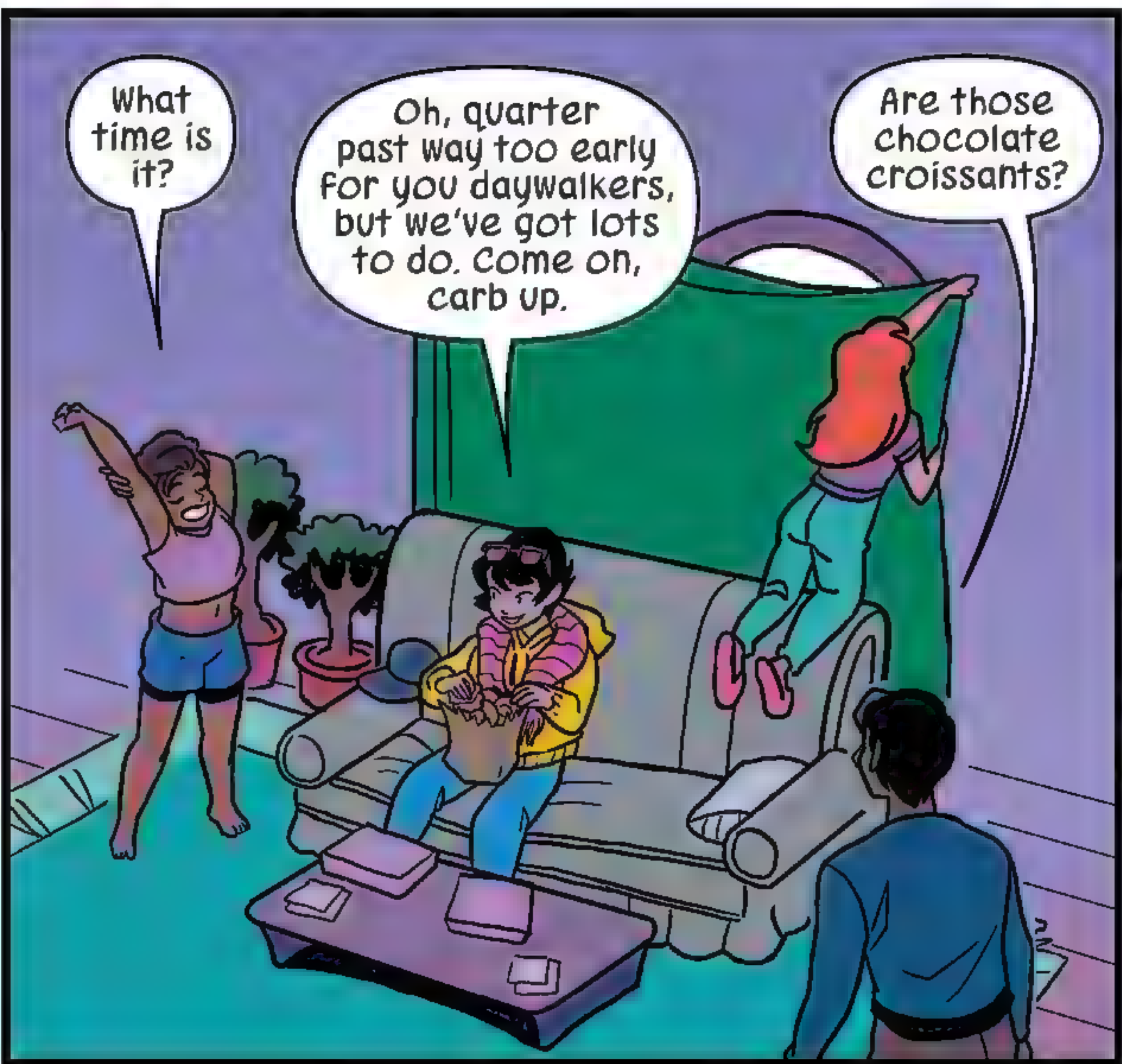
So, hey.

You're
gonna take us
every place your
gang's been haunting
first thing in the
morning.

But until
then...









Wassamatter?
You don't eat bread?
Sugar?

No! I mean,
yes, I do, it's
just...tired.

Well, drink the
coffee. Trouble's
afoot.



You too,
boss. Got word.
Rumor has it Black Cat
spent the night tracking down a
list of empowered individuals that
bears a striking resemblance
to our rolodex of temp
workers.



That's why
she was in the
office?

Looks
like. If the
traitor here
is right--

Hey!

--then we're
in deep. At least a
dozen names on there
we do *not* want on
her side.



Hey,
traitor, how many
girls are in that gang
of yours?

Umf...
Iunno...mebbe
ten or fho?



If we can
get to them before
she goes through the
list, we might stand
a chance.

How are
we supposed to
fight? We're already
outnumbered, and she's
got our friends
on her side.

We can
do this. I know
we can.

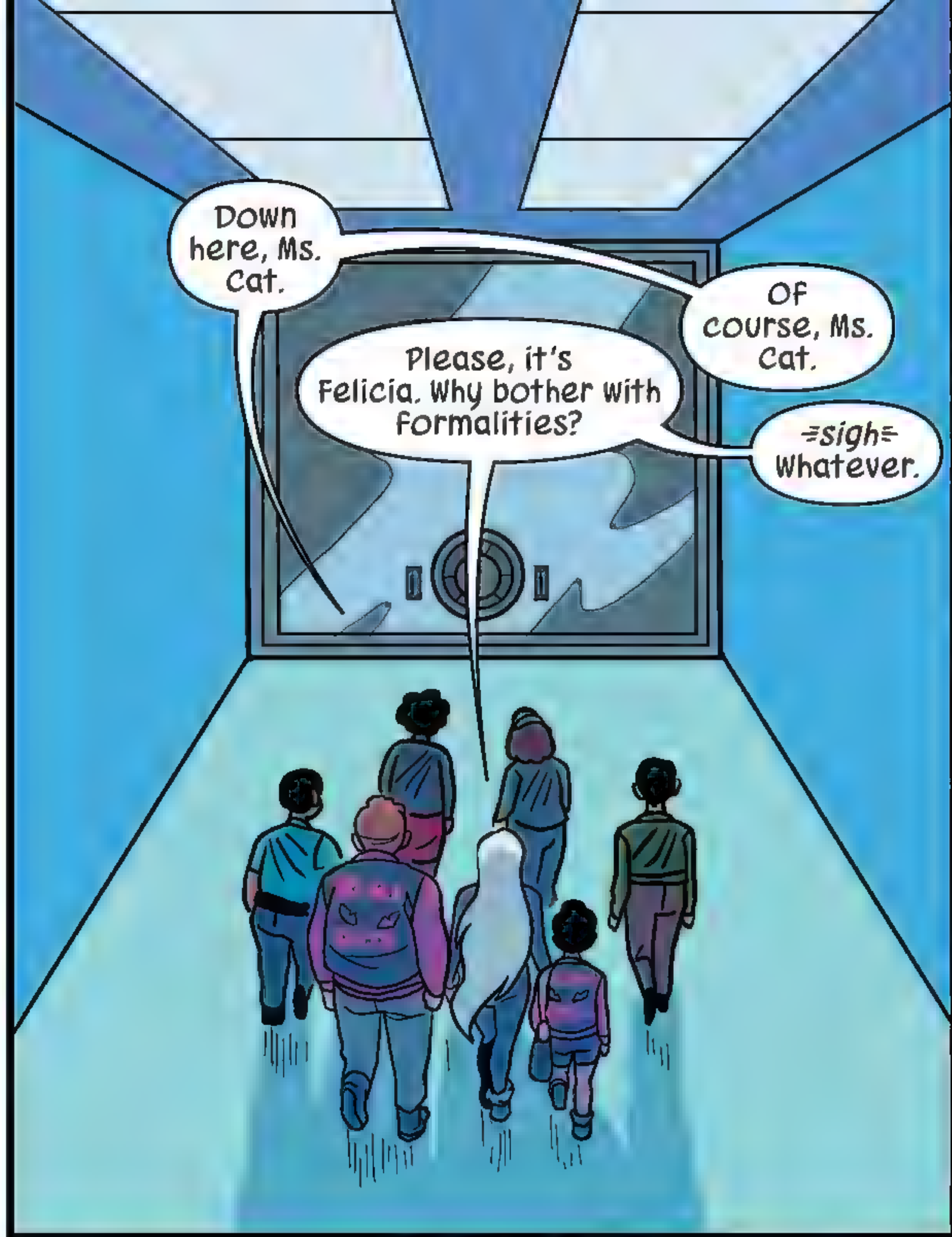


Besides,
how many of them
can there possibly
be?

Who's
ready to have a
little *Fun*?











...I can work with that."

Enjoy it, everyone! You've earned it. We'll hit the next one tomorrow, uptown.

BLACK CAT'S LAIR. SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

...I can work with that."

Enjoy it, everyone! You've earned it. We'll hit the next one tomorrow, uptown.

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You know, that jacket looks darling on you, but how do you feel about spandex? Maybe something with an...*insect* design on it?

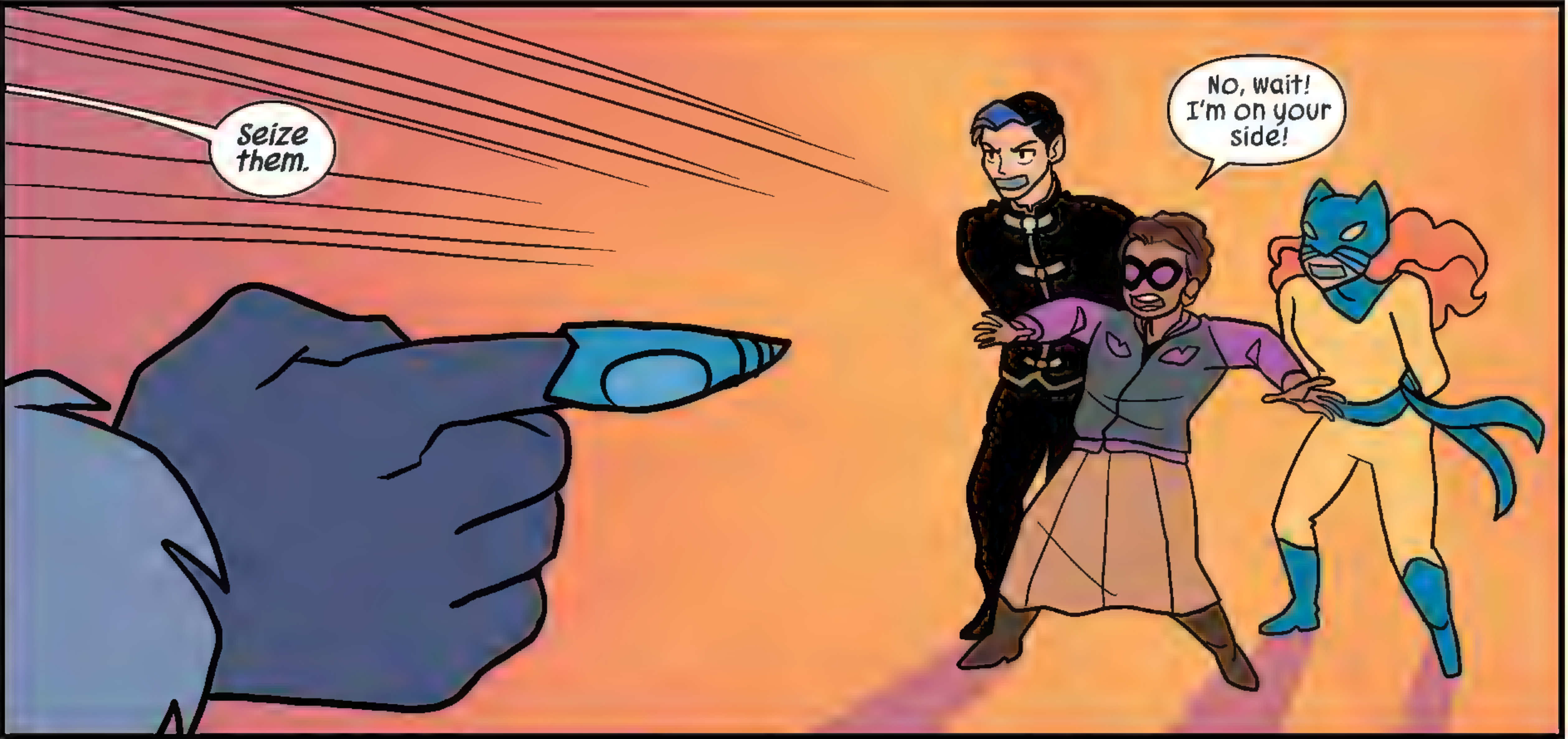
Whatever you say, ma'am.

Hmph.
It's no fun when
they say *yes* to
everything.

Absolutely
right, Ms. Cat.
Couldn't have said
it better
myself.

Someone in the building, ma'am. A few someones, in fact. Kinda looks like--





Seize them.

No, wait!
I'm on your side!



Sweet, innocent
Zoe. Don't you think if I'd
meant to claw you, I would have?
As if I don't know exactly
what I'm doing?



You
brought
them right
to me.



Must be
your lucky
day.

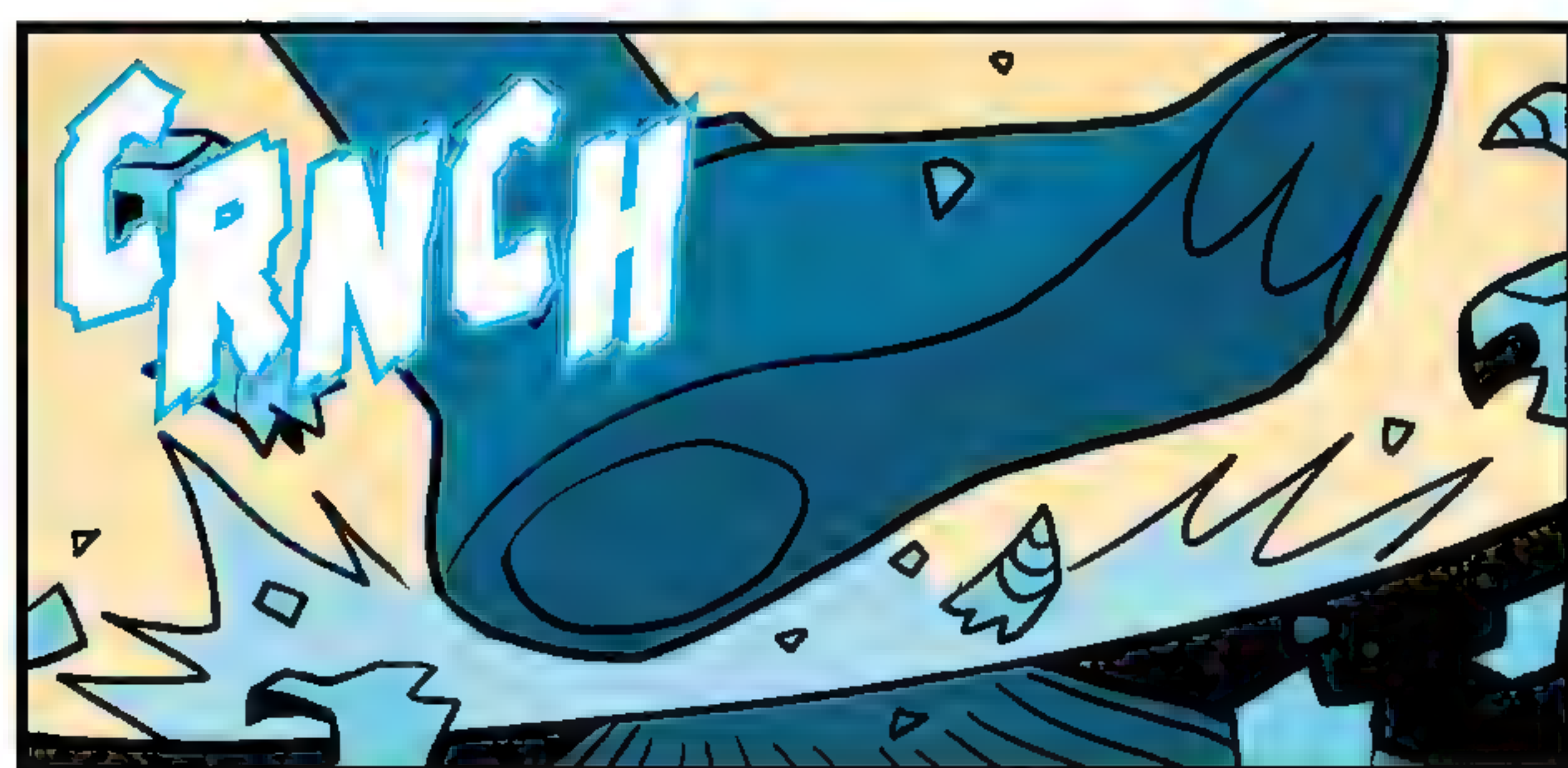


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delivery.

HULP!

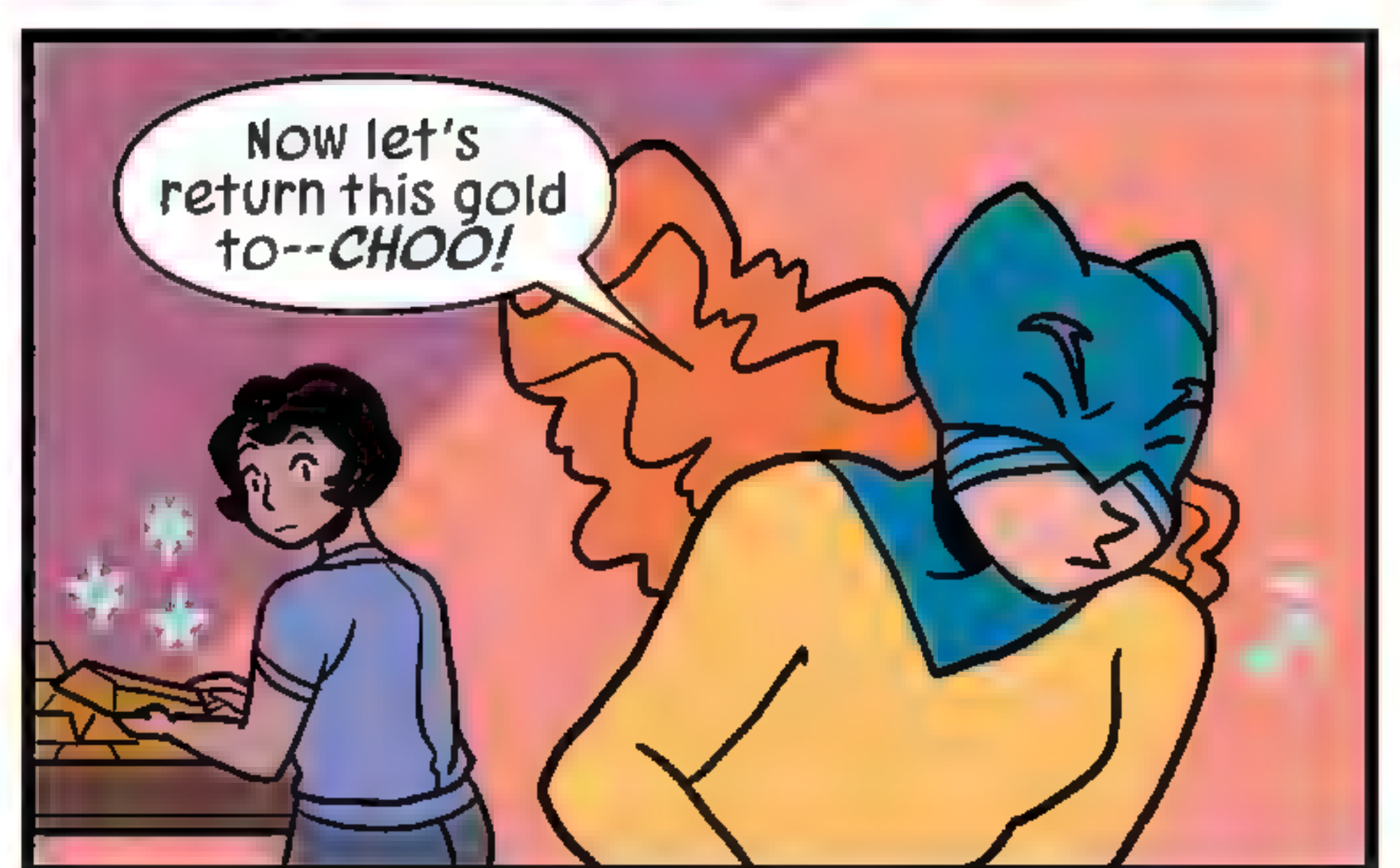




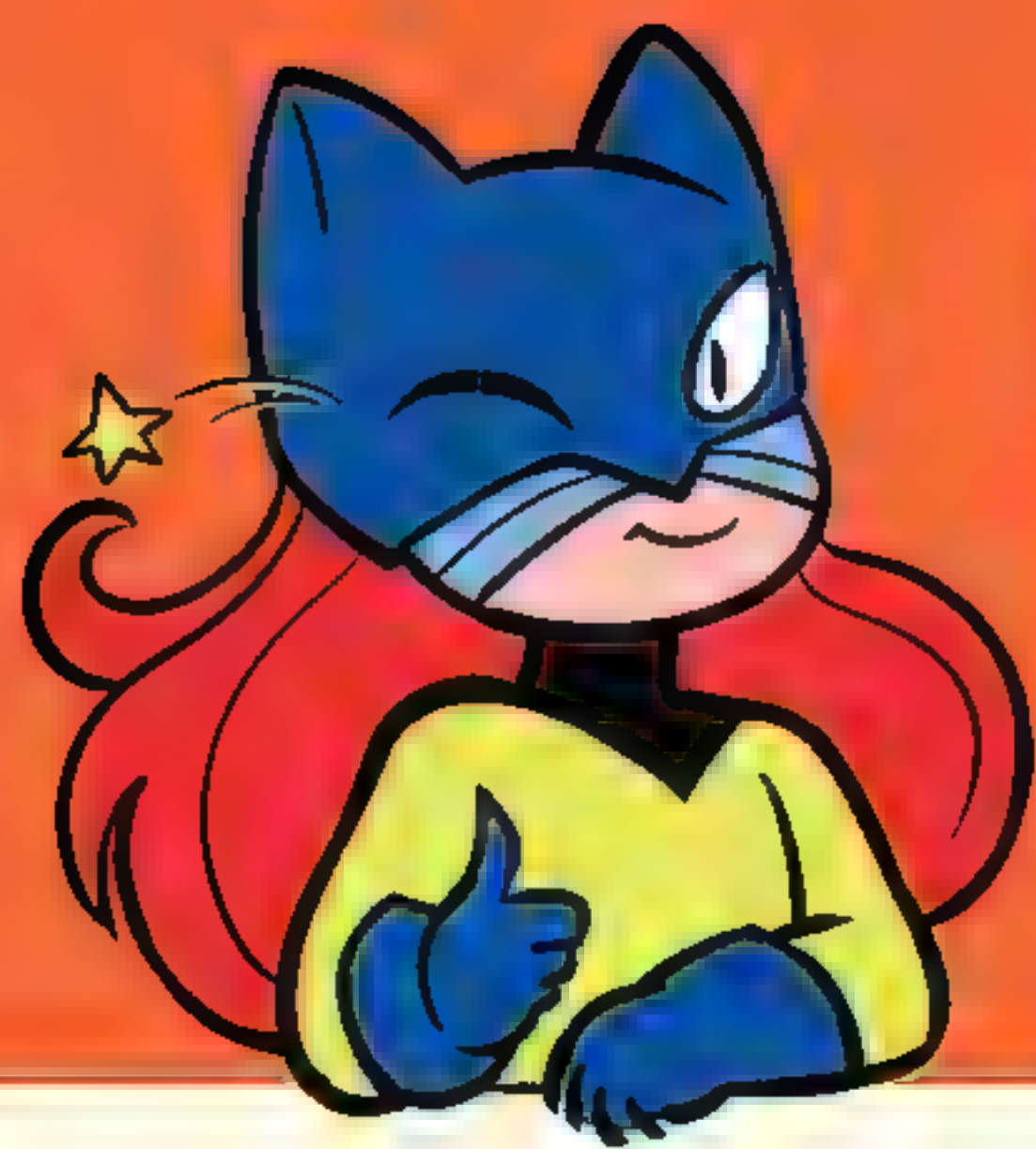








HANG ON, WHAT'S THAT ALL ABOUT? SEEMS LIKE SOMETHING FISHY IS GOING ON AROUND HERE! GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO PICK UP ISSUE #15 AND FIND OUT WHAT!



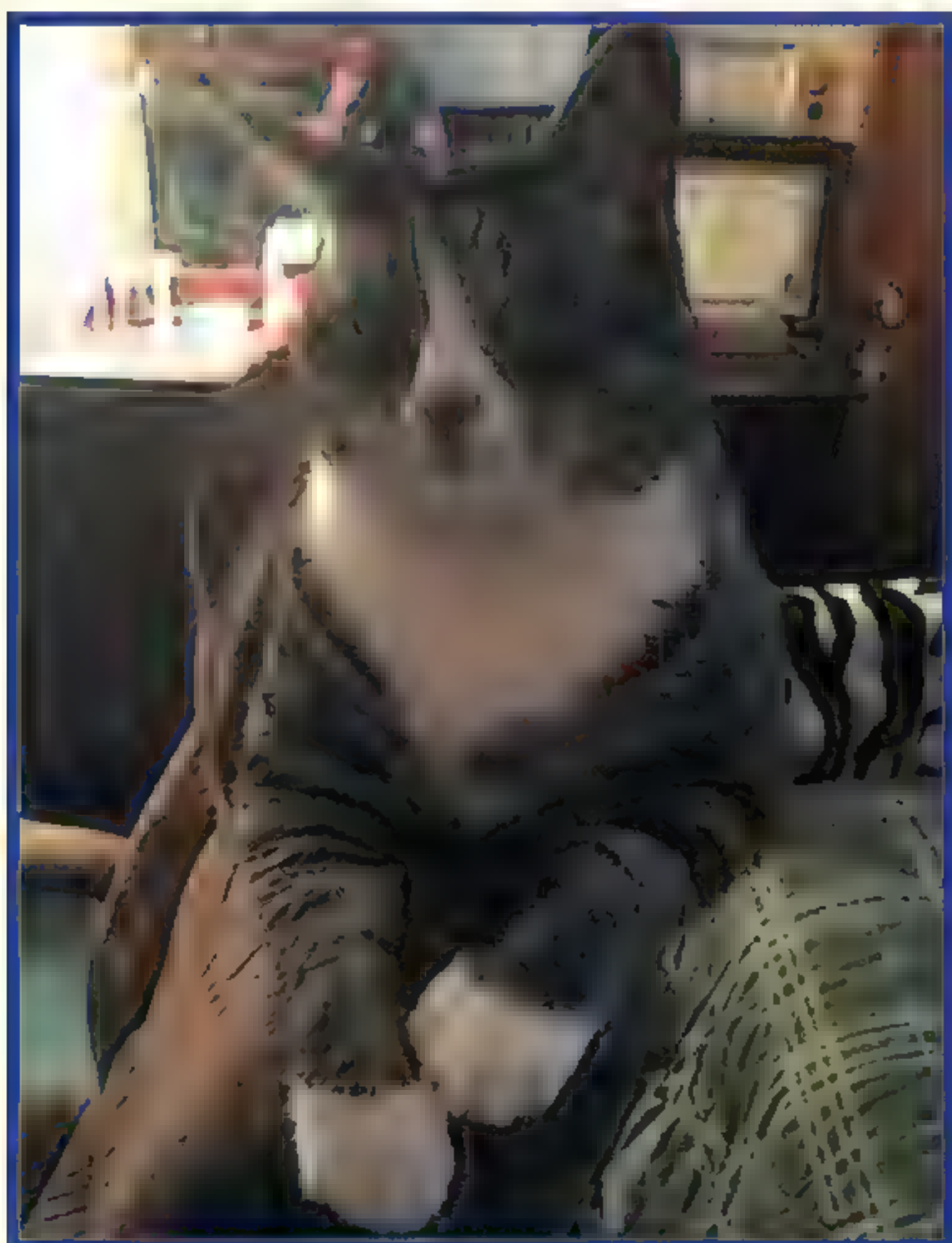
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Heya, Hellkittens, and Happy Post-Holidays! I hope you enjoyed your midwinter festivities--and hey, if you didn't, I hope you found moments of comfort and joy. This issue is due to come out during a week I plan to be **INCREDIBLY STRESSED OUT**, so I hope it, too, is a spot of light. We've come to the end of our big Black Cat story, which was also an Ian and Jubilee story, and I hope y'all enjoyed it. To the letters!

Hey, Team,

I've never before written into a comic and I must say I was a little skeptical about a new solo Hellcat series, but with each issue, I'm pleasantly surprised. It's a great combination of action, adventure, and humor all wrapped in great storytelling. I really do mean it, but brownnosing aside, I just want you to put a picture of my cat, Squeaker, in the next issue! She's a fan and would appreciate it. Thanks and keep up the good work!



SQUEAKER! Oh, you are what I needed to see this week, you precious little fur baby. You snuggle monster!! Way to kick us off with some perfect little beans.

Squeaker is so glam, what a diva!

Wow, I really should have waited to send that last letter your way. [PWAKAH #10] was probably the best the book has been thus far. You've got great morphing art styles and retro romance comics tropes mixed in with supernatural baddies and a tasty subplot with the supporting characters. Great writing and great unconventional art!

Speaking of which, there seemed to be a careful use of harsher shading techniques (pp. 6-9 show it well). I thought this worked great! Really moved the presentation up a notch. Well done. Hope to read a lot more of these, so do keep up the great work.

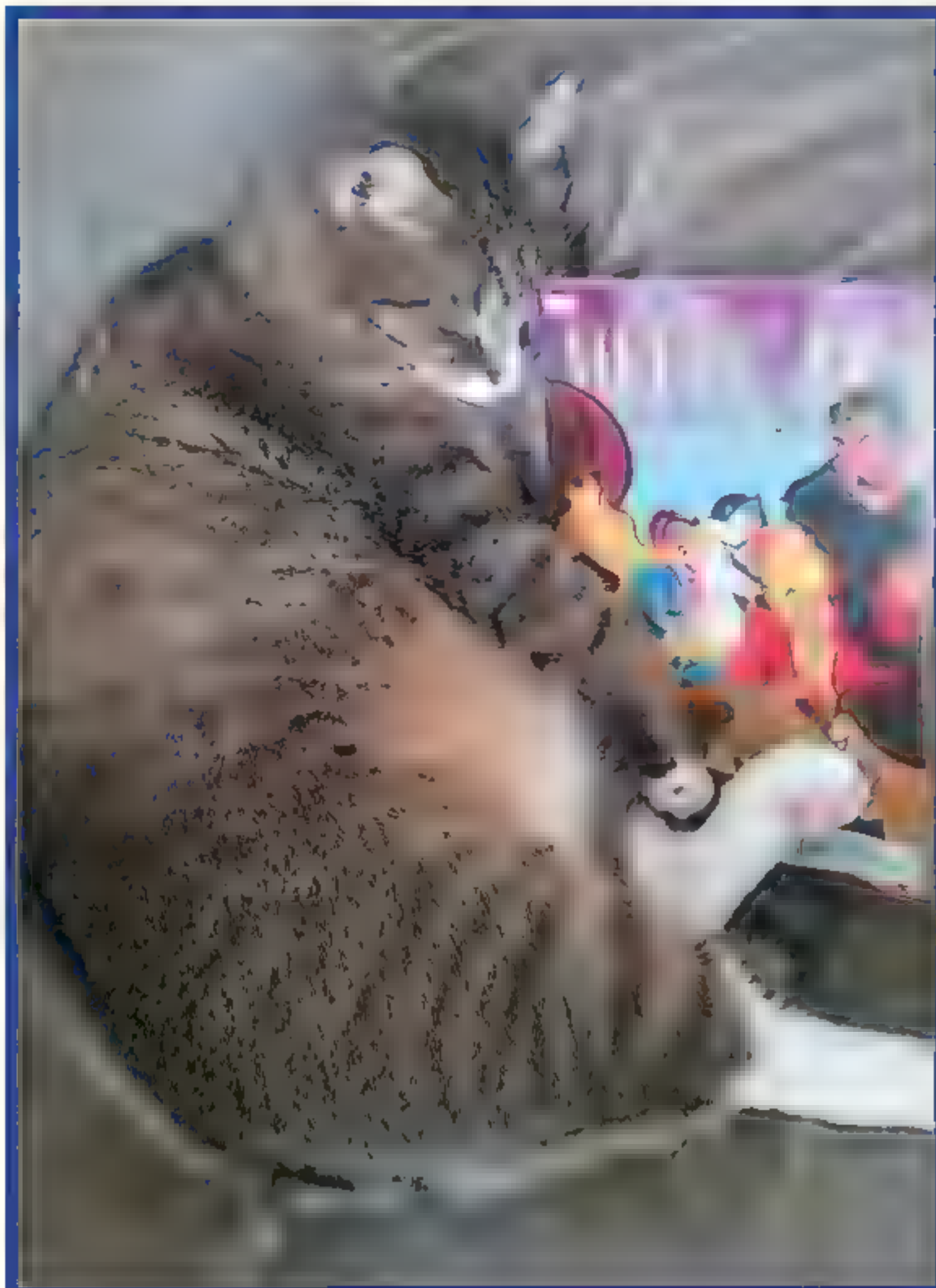
Sincerely,
Gary

I think I'll speak for Brittney and Megan here and say, "thank you so much!" They

really are incredible, aren't they?!

The artist greatly appreciates the praise, but she would be nothing without her wonderful team.

Waldorf likes PATSY WALKER as a bedtime story! Thanks for a consistently fun book with wonderfully diverse characters.



Amy Britt
Odenton, MD

Awww, WALDORF! Does he have a Statler? Are they in LOVE? Either way, we're in love with this sweet kitten.

As a kid I used to read ghost stories before bed. Don't do that. Waldorf is a much better decision maker.

Hey, Team HELLCAT,

I've been thoroughly enjoying your series. One thing I've been wondering since the beginning of this series was whether Black Cat would show up, but it seems like you guys have already read my mind on that. Since the end of SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN, it seems that all the Marvel heroes have assumed that Black Cat has always been evil and have forgotten about all the good she has done. Hopefully now we get to see how Patsy reacts to Black Cat's return to villainy, and get a reason why she didn't visit [Black Cat] in prison. In the Marvel limited series, MARVEL DIVAS, Black Cat, Hellcat, Spectrum, and Firestar were a close group of friends, and I would like to see that get mentioned in this storyline.

That's all I have to say for now, I look forward to seeing what you guys write next!

Mike

Haha, well, Mike, we hope you enjoyed, even if it wasn't what you expected! I played BC a little differently for this storyline, but we certainly had a blast with her.

Can I draw a MARVEL DIVAS story? *u*

Hey, HELLCAT Crew!

Just wanted to say I've been loving the new

HELLCAT series! It wasn't really on my radar, but the guys on the Marvel podcast raved about it, so I gave it a try. It's pretty different from the other titles in my pull list (like TOTALLY AWESOME HULK and CIVIL WAR II), but I've been really liking it all the same. I tried reading it to our little girl Blue, but I'm not sure she's getting all the nuances. In any case, keep up the great work!



Alex,
Martinsville, VA

Aw, BLUE! Adorable! And hey, thanks for checking us out. We're certainly not your average super hero comic...but we like it that way. We are the raisins in a salad! Always unexpected and far from normal!

Raisins in a tossed salad are amazing, btw. Raisins are great.

That's all for this week! Keep your heads up and stay strong, dear readers. And bundle up! It's cold out there.

-Kate

NEXT MONTH:



Patsy Walker, A.K.A.

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Patsy Walker, A.K.A.

HELLCAT!

That's me!

A while ago, Patsy Walker lost her job as a super-powered private investigator for her best friend/ lawyer, She-Hulk. So...

Bring it on, we say! Patsy can handle anything! She's pretty much invincib—oh, *gesundheit!*

She started a temp agency to find work for other supers who aren't interested in full-time heroics! Nice n' relatively normal!

The most recent thing: Patsy had to save her friend with a magical infinitely spacious bag, Bailey, from being mind-controlled by Black Cat!

But not-normal biz kept dogging Hellcat! We'll spare you a full itemization. The worst thing: She-Hulk was critically injured in a cataclysmic battle!

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So, Sharon,
Jubes, whaddaya
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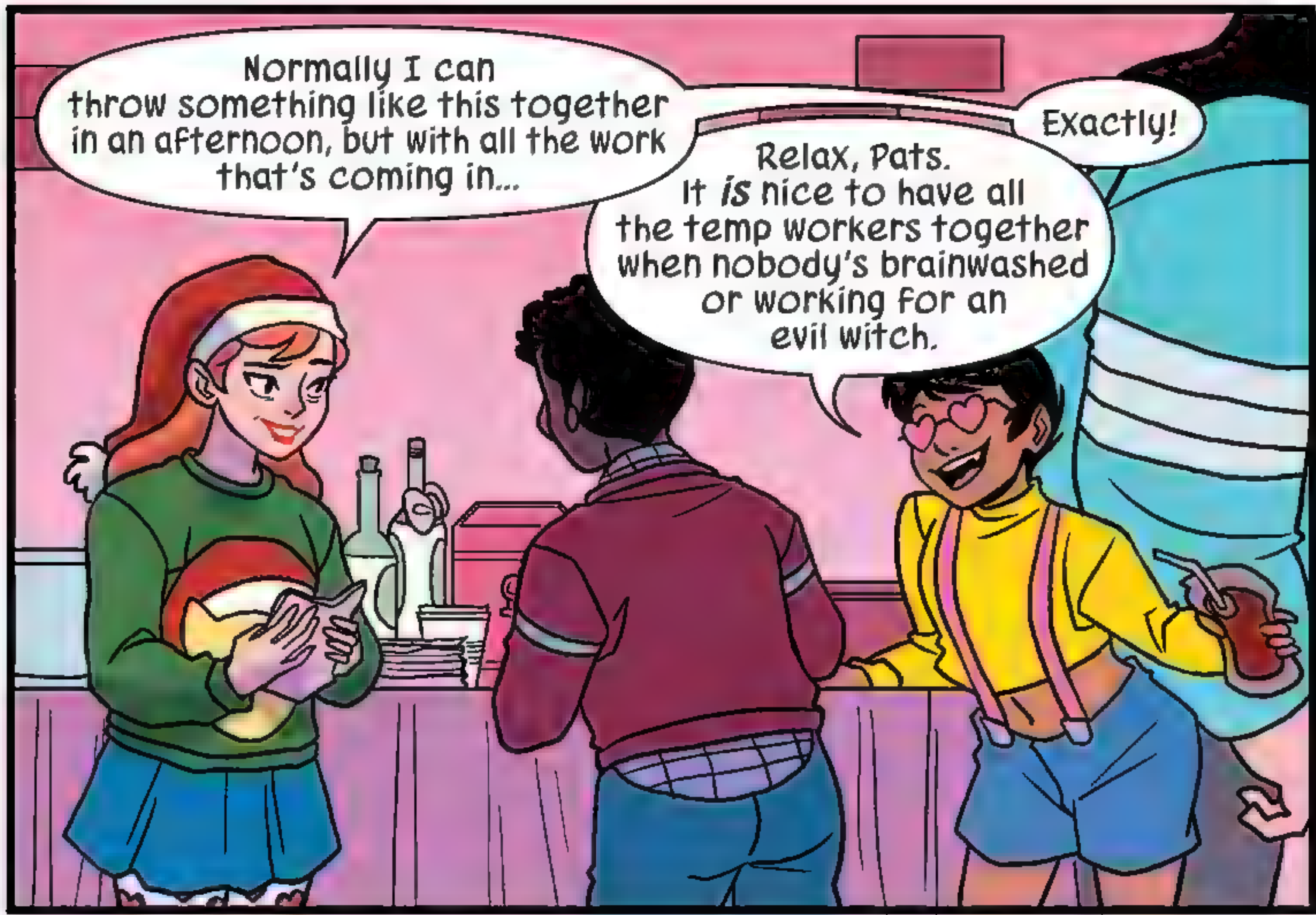
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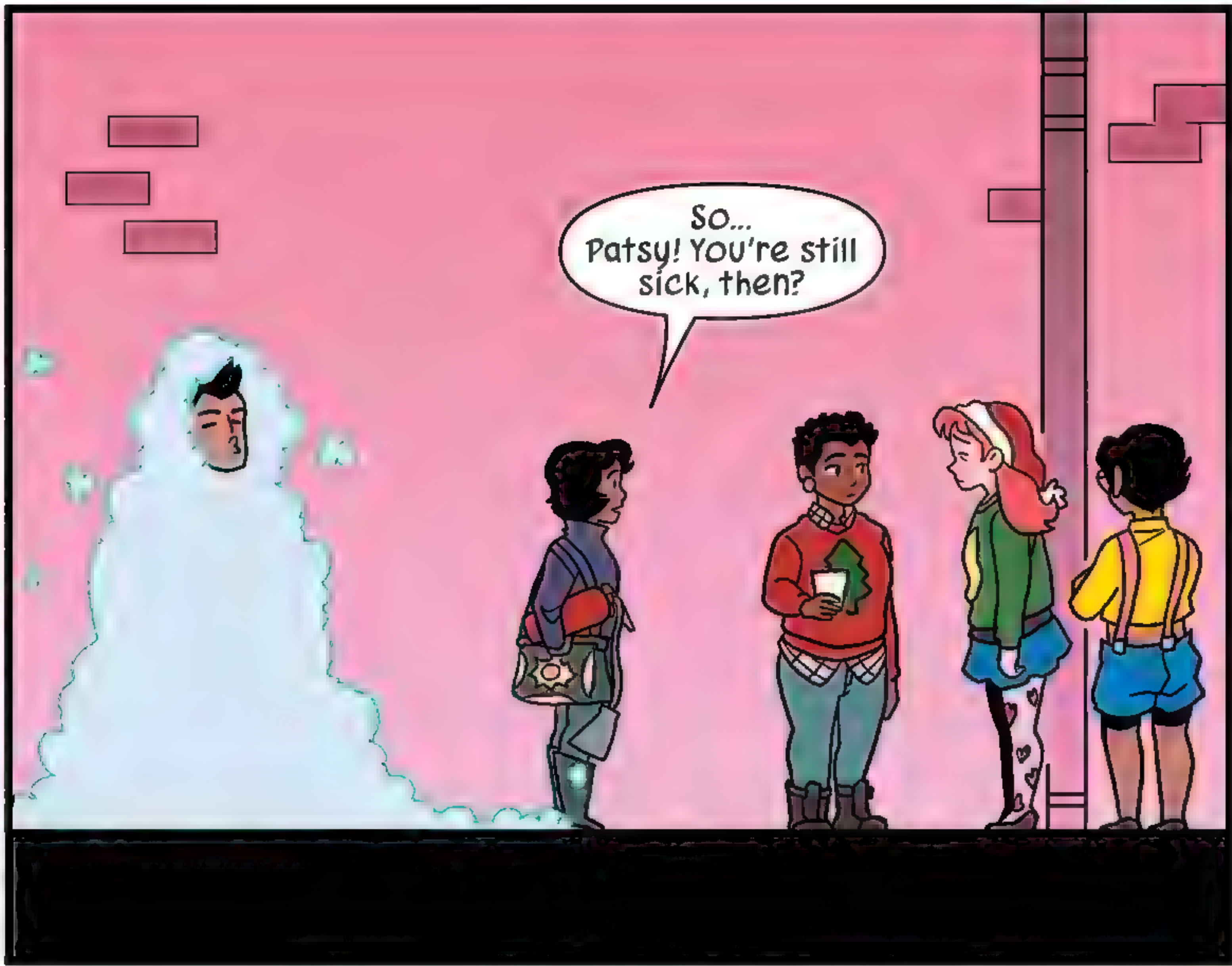
It's
nuts. I love
it.

I mean,
between Black Cat's
crime spree and Jen's...
absence, plus all the Patsy
Walker book stuff, and the
agency...I completely missed
the holidays. I thought,
y'know, cover it all in
one night. I just worry
it's a *bit* much.

It's a lot
much.

I
LOVE
it.





So...
Patsy! You're still
sick, then?



I feel
great.



Ha-
CHOO!



Wow,
look at
these.

Dang!

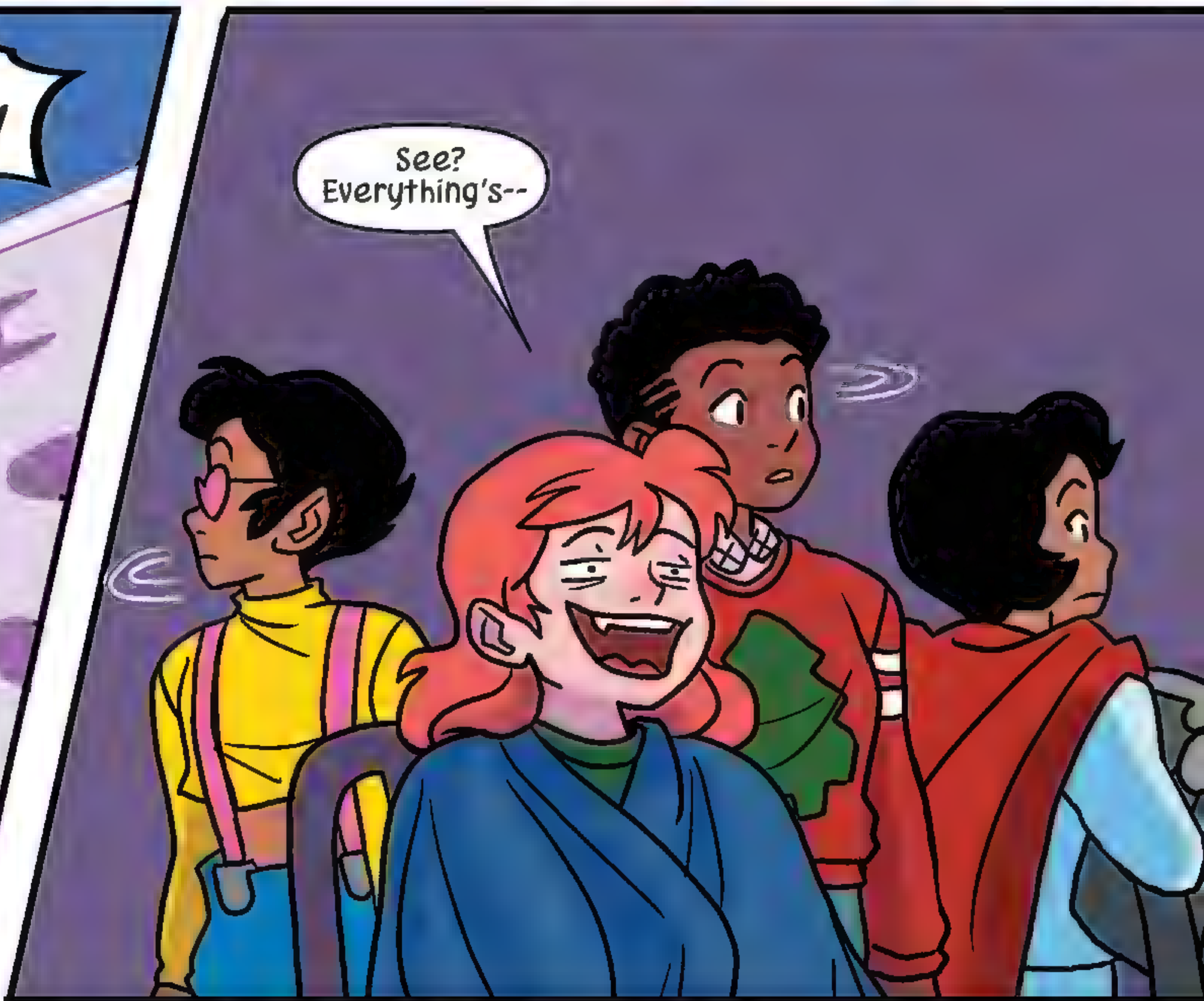
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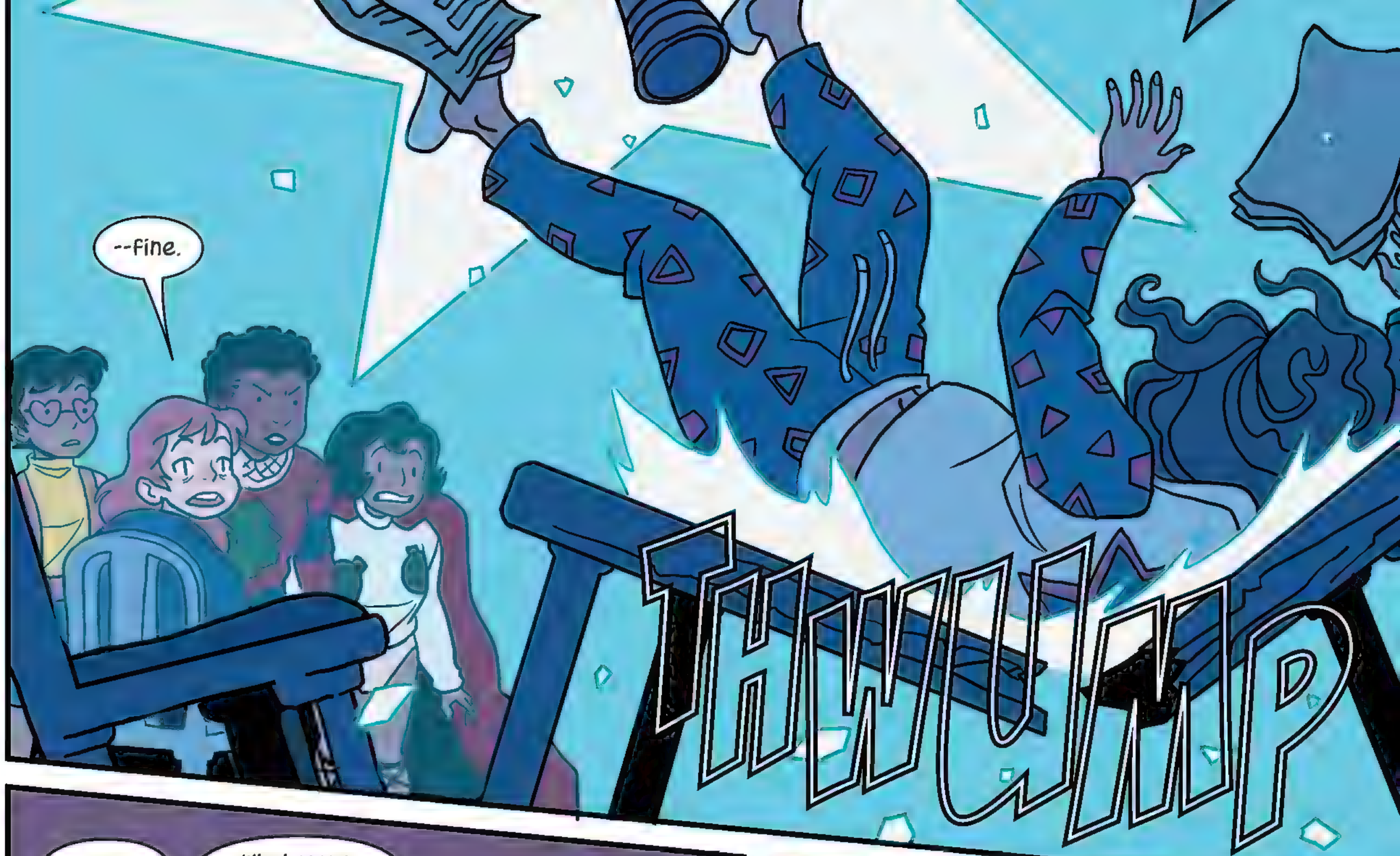


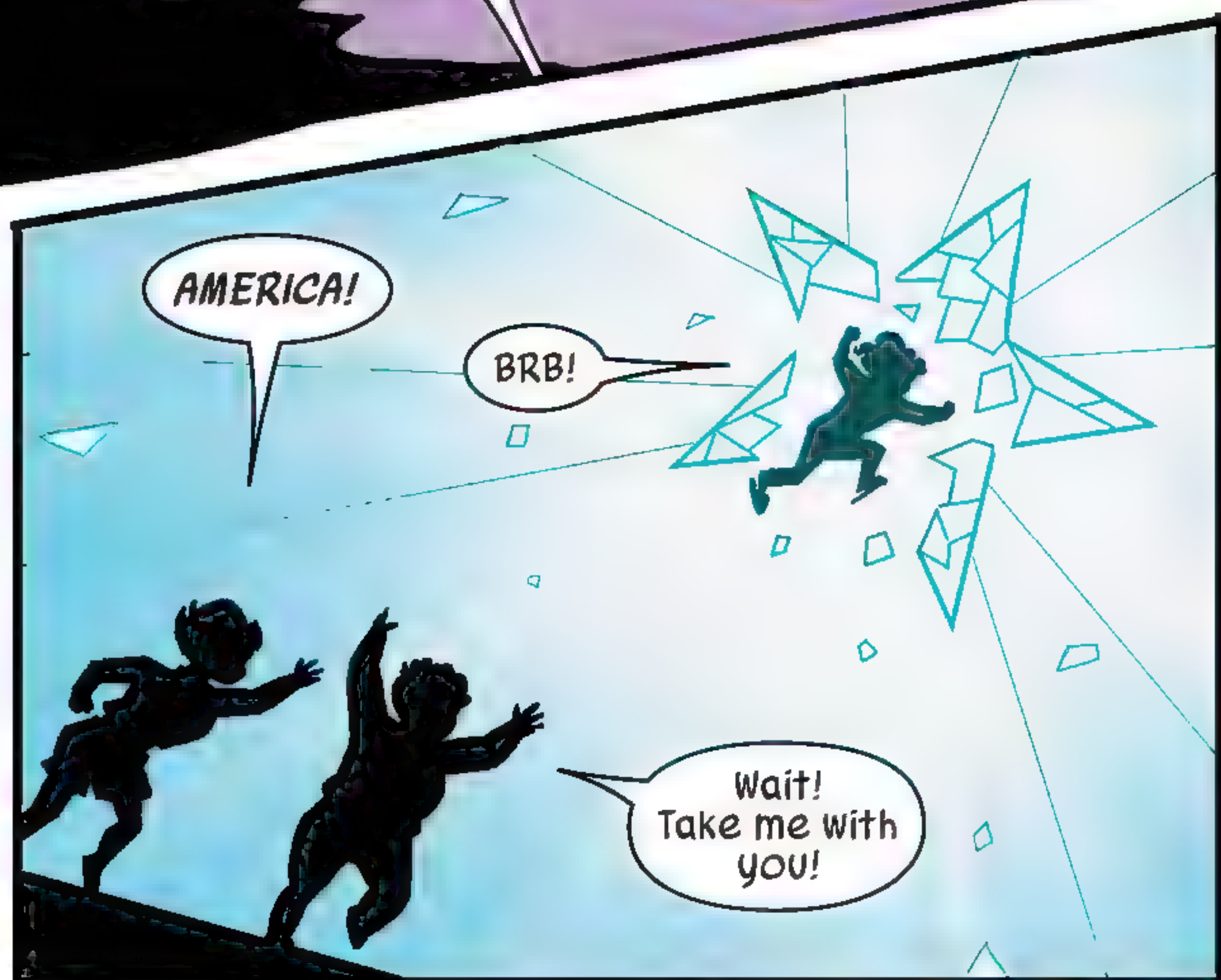
Whoa-
ho-ho! Easy there,
little elf.

If you don't mind, I
have some paperwork to
get done...emails to
call...villains,
beWare...

Whoops-
a-daisy, down
she goes.











When I was little, Mom wasn't around much. She and I...well, you know. We didn't get along. One winter, I kept getting sick, so she bought me a stuffed tiger to keep me company.



Even after I got better, Mister Sniffles kind of became my best friend. I told him everything.



When I got older, around the age Mom started making the comics, she threw him away. Said I was too old to play with toys.

What a--

Misconception.

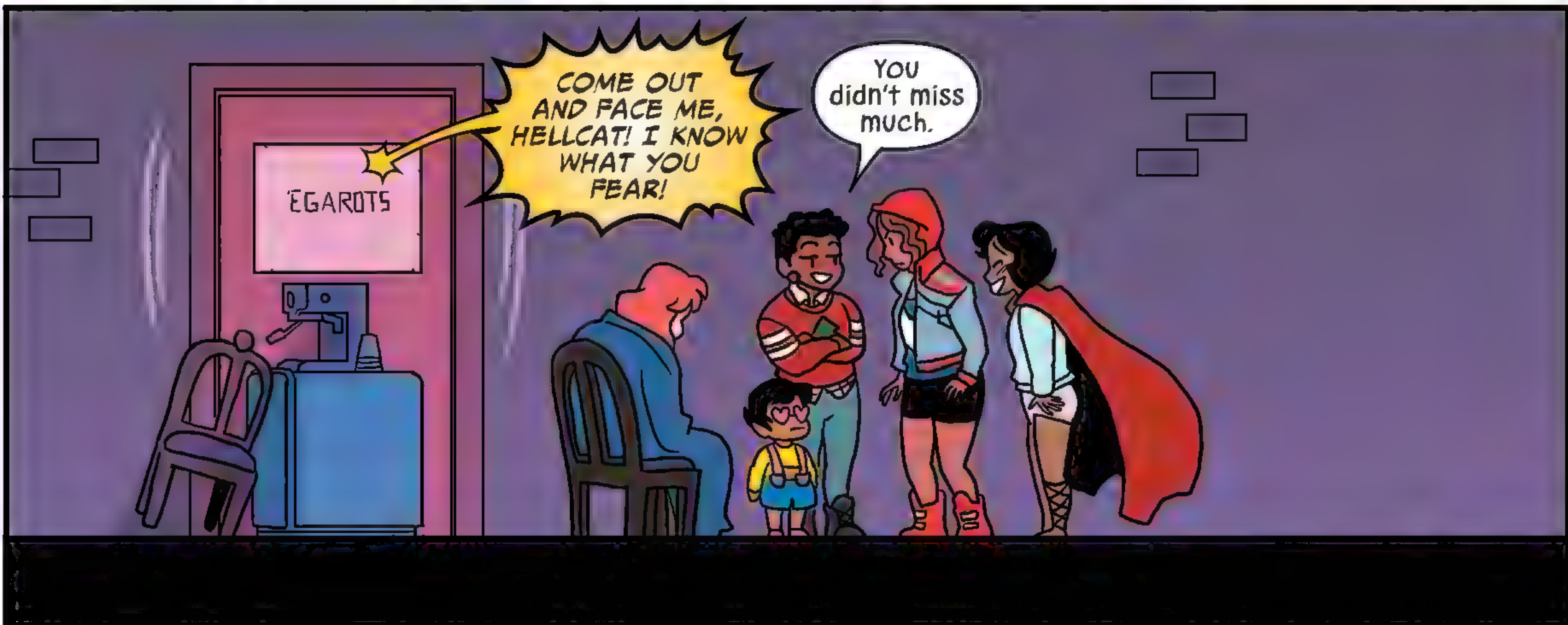
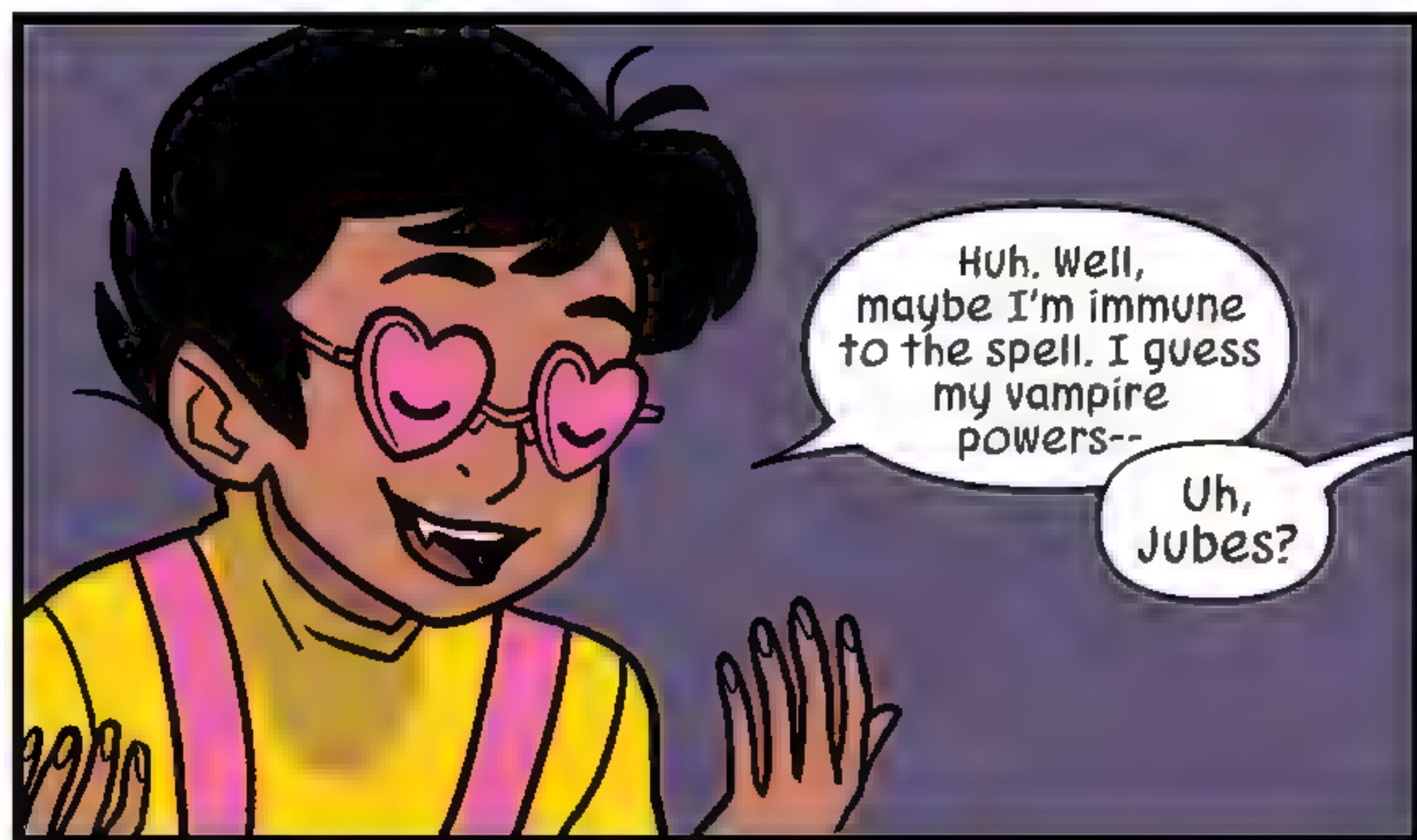


Only, he didn't go away. He showed up in my dreams. I'd tell him everything I was scared of or stressed about.

The more I told him, the **bigger** he got.

And now he's running around the halls of my building.

I dunno how! It's this cold! I--





So he's basically what, a manifestation of *stress*?

Why couldn't she have had a stuffed goldfish? Goldfish are cute.

I told her she needed to take a break.



I'm sorry, but your voice is all high and adorable now. It's *so* cute.

I'll bite you! Don't think I won't!



YOU'LL LET THEM ALL DOWN, PATSY! MAKE THEM FIGHT YOUR BATTLES FOR YOU, JUST LIKE ALWAYS!

No! I can handle this!



YES, THAT'S IT! WORRY! YOUR FEARS ONLY EMBIGGEN ME! YOU CAN'T HANDLE BEING A SUPER HERO!



I just need to-- CHOO!

Aw, what? come on!



THERE YOU ARE!

WAH!

Stay away from his claws! They're the worst part!

Thanks for that INSIGHT!



Where is it? Not the swing set, not the katana...

Not the oven mits!



YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T WIN! YOU'RE WEAK, USELESS!

UGH!



Get your hands OFF my BOSS!

YES! Mess him UP!

TSSSSSS

RROOAR!



And THAT'S for raising my insurance!

SOCK

GRUH!



Sharon! That was SICK!

I know! It was awesome and it hurt very much! COME ON!



I don't
need backup! I'm
HELLCAT!



FOOLHARDINESS!



Come
on.

Honestly?
I'm good out
here.

Oh,
yeah, that's
me.

Smart
thinking. Keep
watch and make sure
no late partygoers
show up and get
themselves
hurt!



The
brave
one.



YOU
SUMMONED
ME. YOU BROUGHT
ME TO THIS WORLD.
I AM ALL THAT
YOU FEAR.

You're...not.
Not even close.
=sniff=



WHAT
HAVE YOU TO
COWER BEFORE
THAT CAN BEST
ME?

=COFF= Are
you =sniff=
serious?

Death. Taxes.
Cramps. The Babadook.
Space aliens. Civil Wars. Climate
change. Stalkers. Guys who call
you ugly after you turn them down.
Never being able to live up to what
my best friend expected of me. Bed
bugs. Hornets. Rent hikes. Dying alone.
Not to mention *LITERALLY EVERYTHING*
happening in politics right now!
Have you even *SEEN*
the news?!

Now
that...*THAT* is
scary.



It's...
it's not
great.

You
think?!



Hellicat!
We've got
your--



It's just, like,
how can people
be so hateful? I don't
understand. Do they not
know they're on the
wrong side of
history?

There's a
lot of anger in this
country.

--back?



Oh, hey
guys.

Uh,
hi?

Let me be
the first to ask:
What's up?!

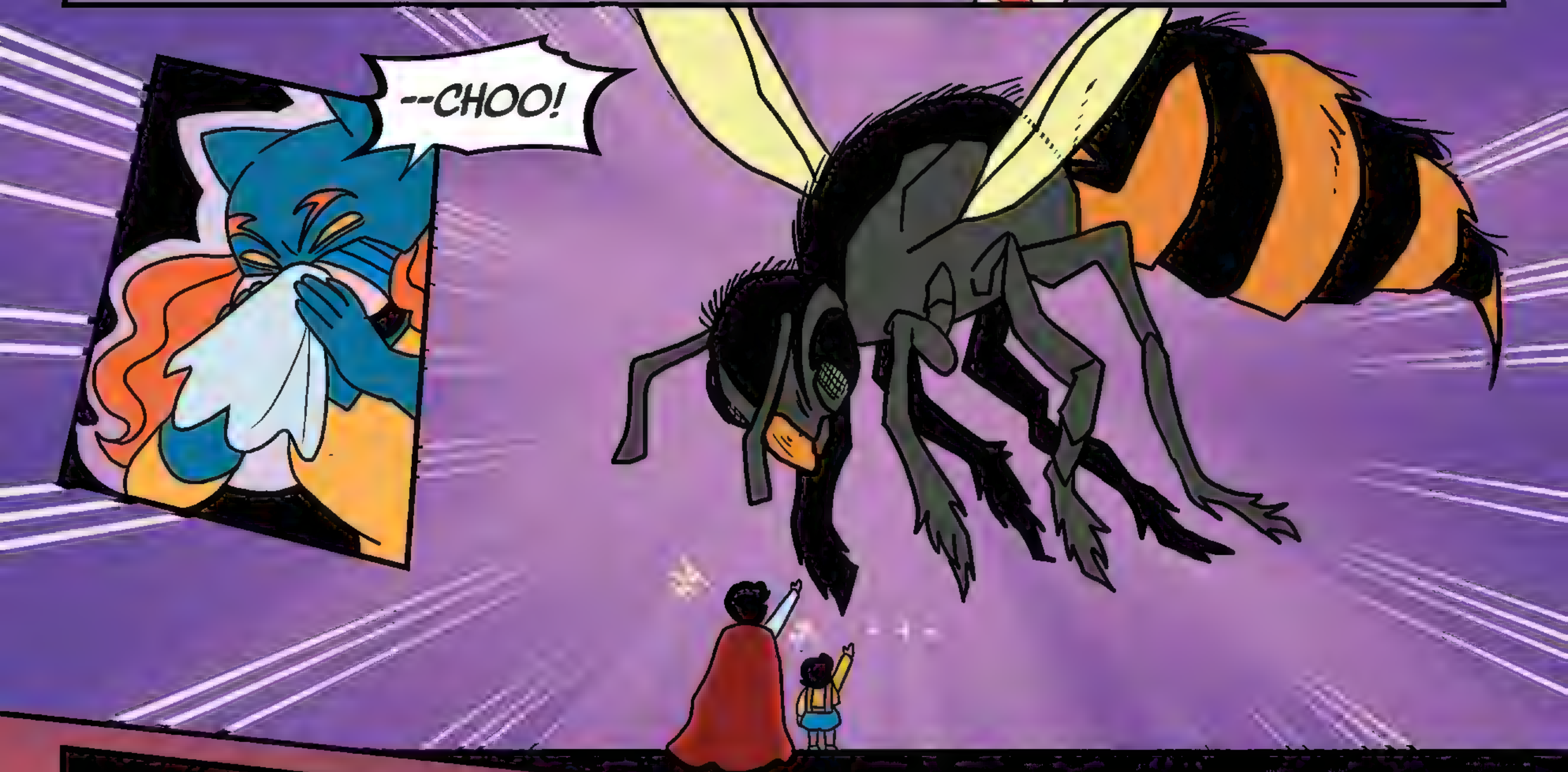
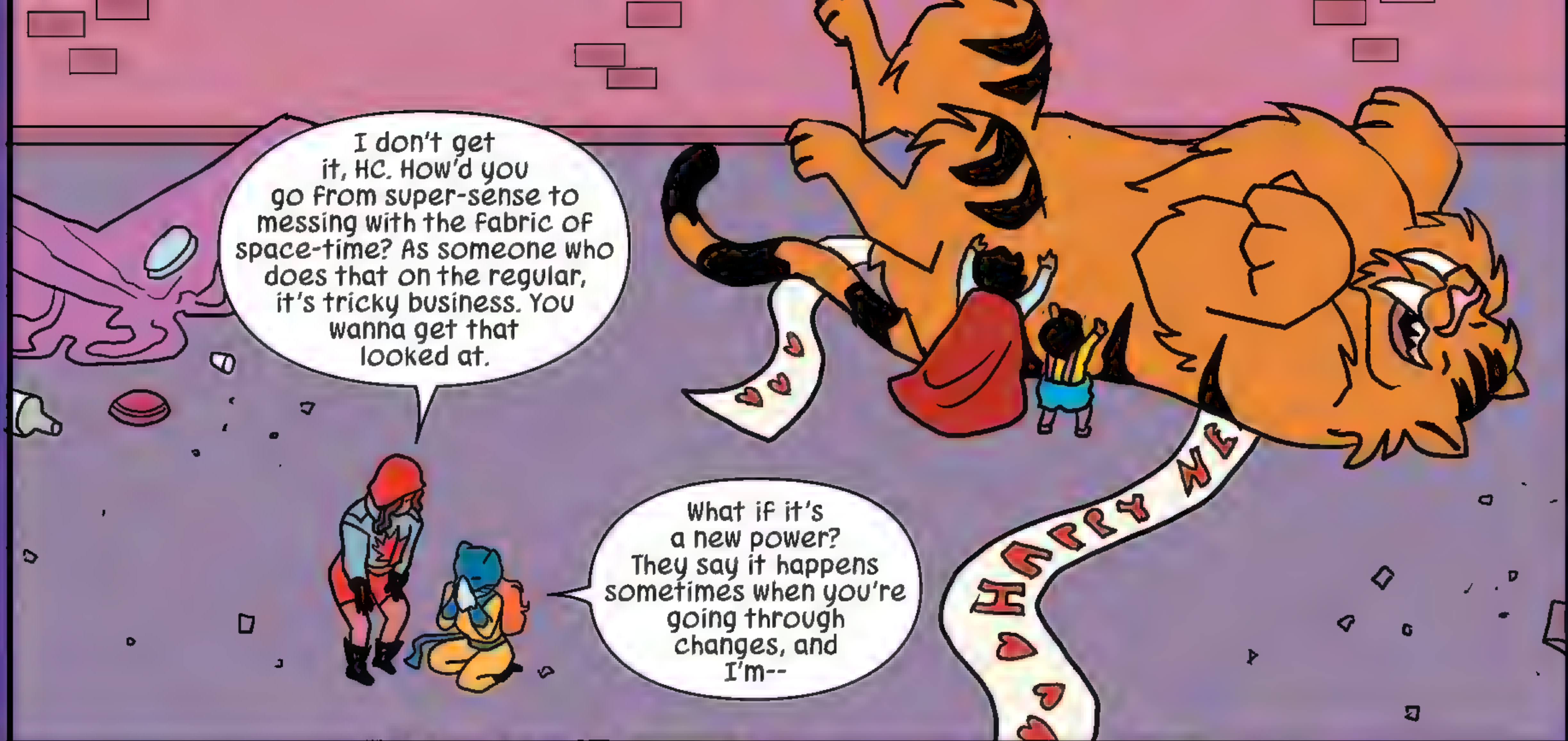


Mister Sniffles
and I came to an
understanding. I figured,
since he's from my brain
and all, maybe we
could get along.

Yeah, that...
figures.



can
I...pet
him?





It's Fine, Sharon. You punched a tiger. It's cool if you stay out here. Nobody'll think you're a scaredy--



RUUUUUUN!

I HATE BEEEEES!



Wait, when did bees happen?! Guys? Nobody said anything about bees!

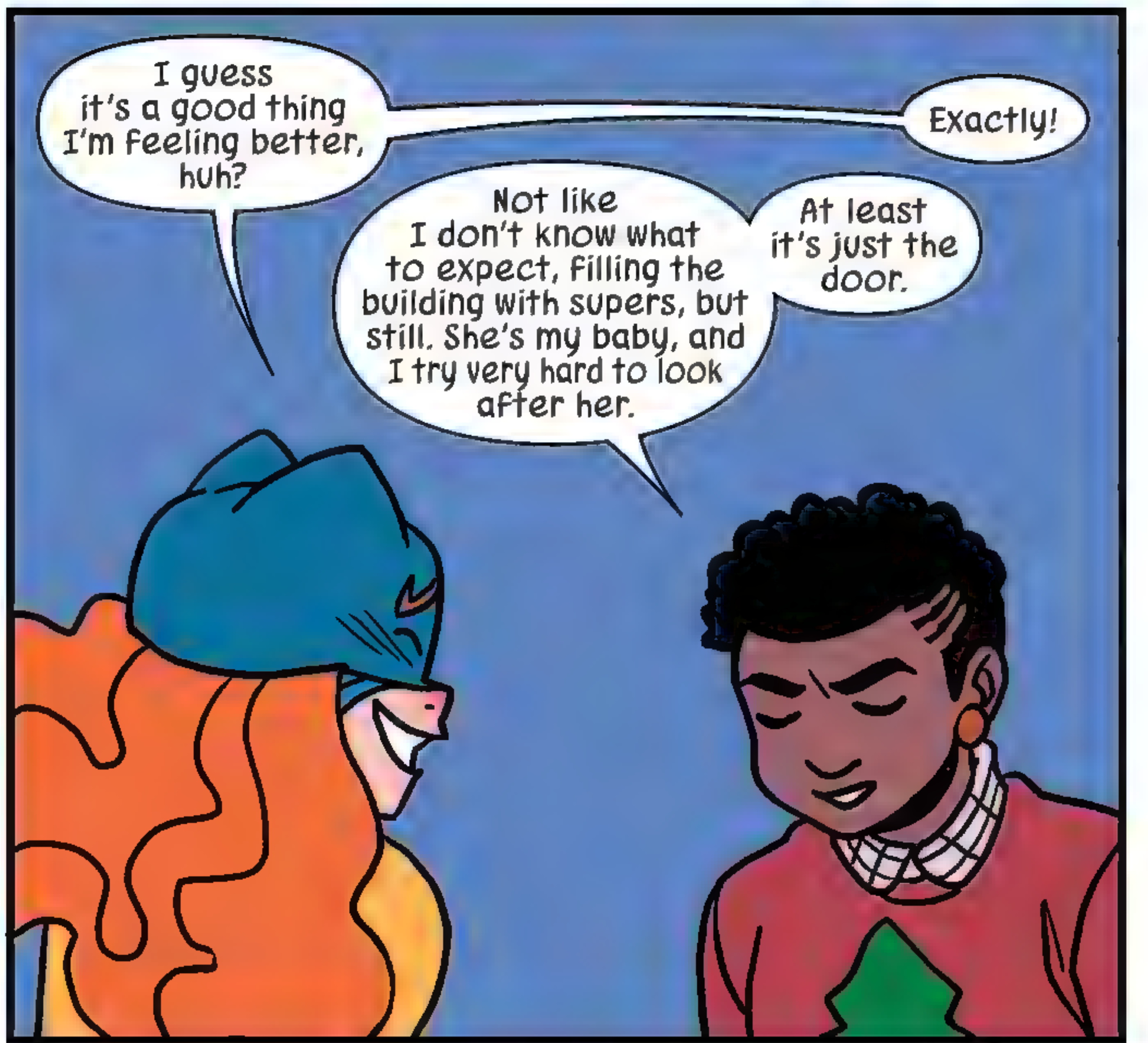


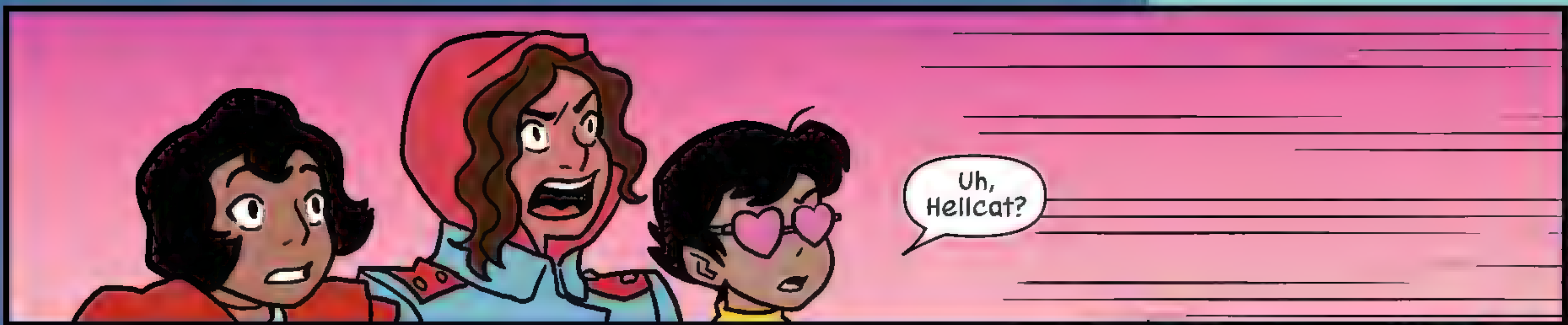
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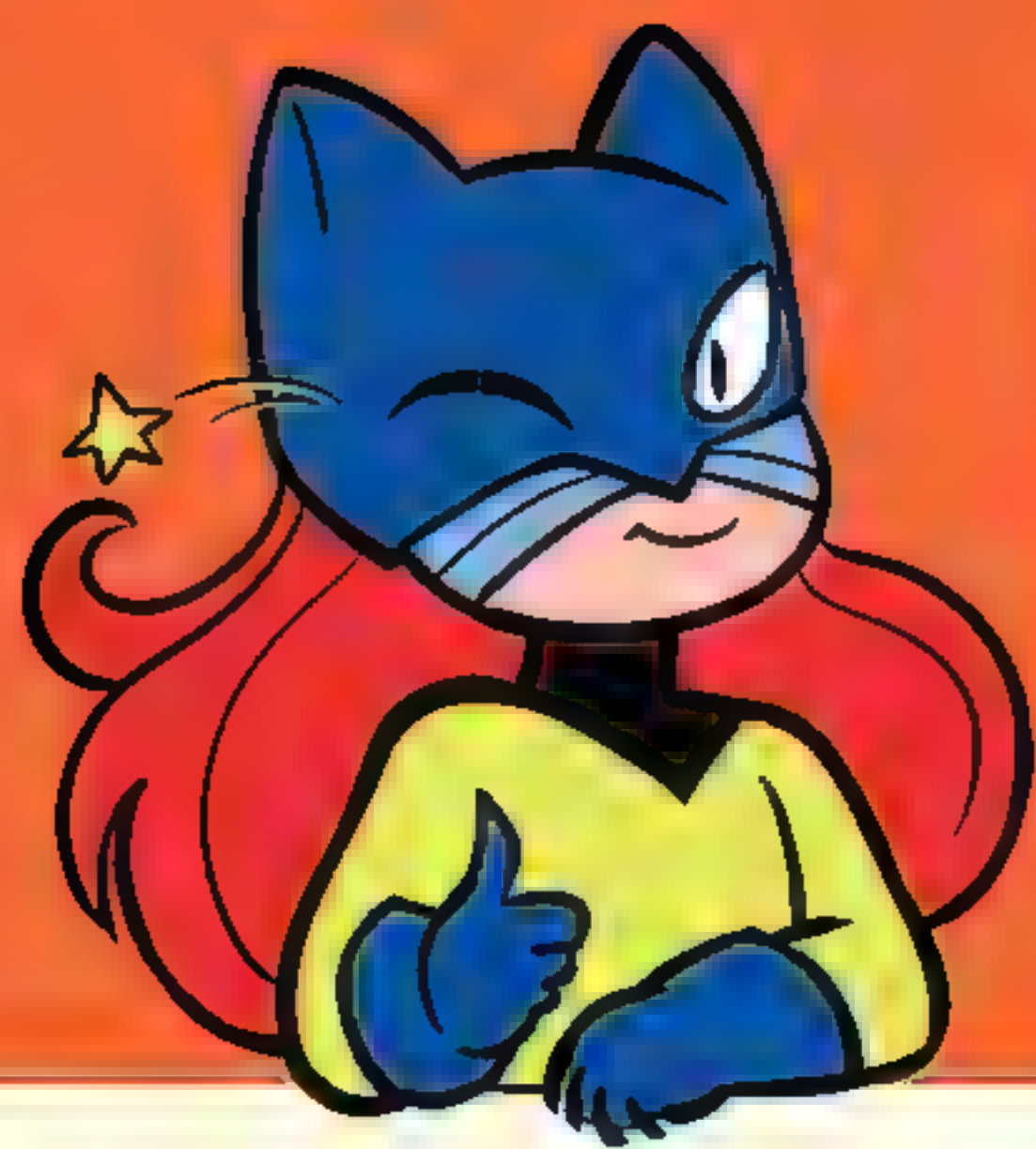
ZZZZZ!

MY DOOR!









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So sorry, Hellkittens! We're up against the wall this month and out of time for letters. But keep sending in your letters, photos, and fan art, keep your lovable chins up, and come on back next time! Patsy could use the company!



Patsy Walker, A.K.A.

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HELLCAT!

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Patsy Walker, A.K.A.

HELLCAT!

That's me!

It's been a little while since Patsy Walker lost her job as a super-powered private investigator for her BFF, She-Hulk. No worries, though...

Their effects weren't anything Patsy and her friends couldn't handle—costume changes, the stuffed tiger little Patsy told her troubles to brought to life—but then...

Patsy landed on her feet and started a temp agency for super-folks! She's been busy with work, but has had some tough stuff in her personal life...

She put on a brave face to put on an office holiday(s) party, until the sniffles she caught in Bailey's bag became reality-altering sneezes!

...like frenemy Hedy Wolfe's machinations, or Patsy's time trapped in her friend Bailey's magic bag of infinite size! But hardest by far was when She-Hulk almost died—Patsy's been reeling ever since.

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HEDY WOLFE'S APARTMENT.
UPPER MANHATTAN.

"--CHOO!"

There you go, precious! Just a few more brushes and you'll be the belle of the--

BARK!
ARF!!
ARRR!

Betty!
What--?

I HAVE RETURNED FROM THE DEPTHS TO EXACT MY FURY! I AM TORMENT AND DESPAIR!

Hedy?
What is that?
I'm in the shower!
Are you okay?

HELP!
THERE'S A GIANT
TIGER IN HERE
AND...

Wait.

I know you.







BELIAL? The HELL demon? I can't, what, I--



Y'know what, at this point, maybe I should just roll with it.



I, uh, guess this is a strange way for you to find out.

But, when that tiger showed up, I knew it was yours. I remembered you having one just like it when we were kids. I figured something must be up... and then Benny made the connection.

I'm sorry, Benny?



I mean, I wasn't about to start calling him *Belly*, if that's your issue.

That is several thousand miles from my issue. Our issues could not survive a long-term relationship on account of the time difference because they are SO FAR APART.

Relax, Patsy.



I AM RELAXED!



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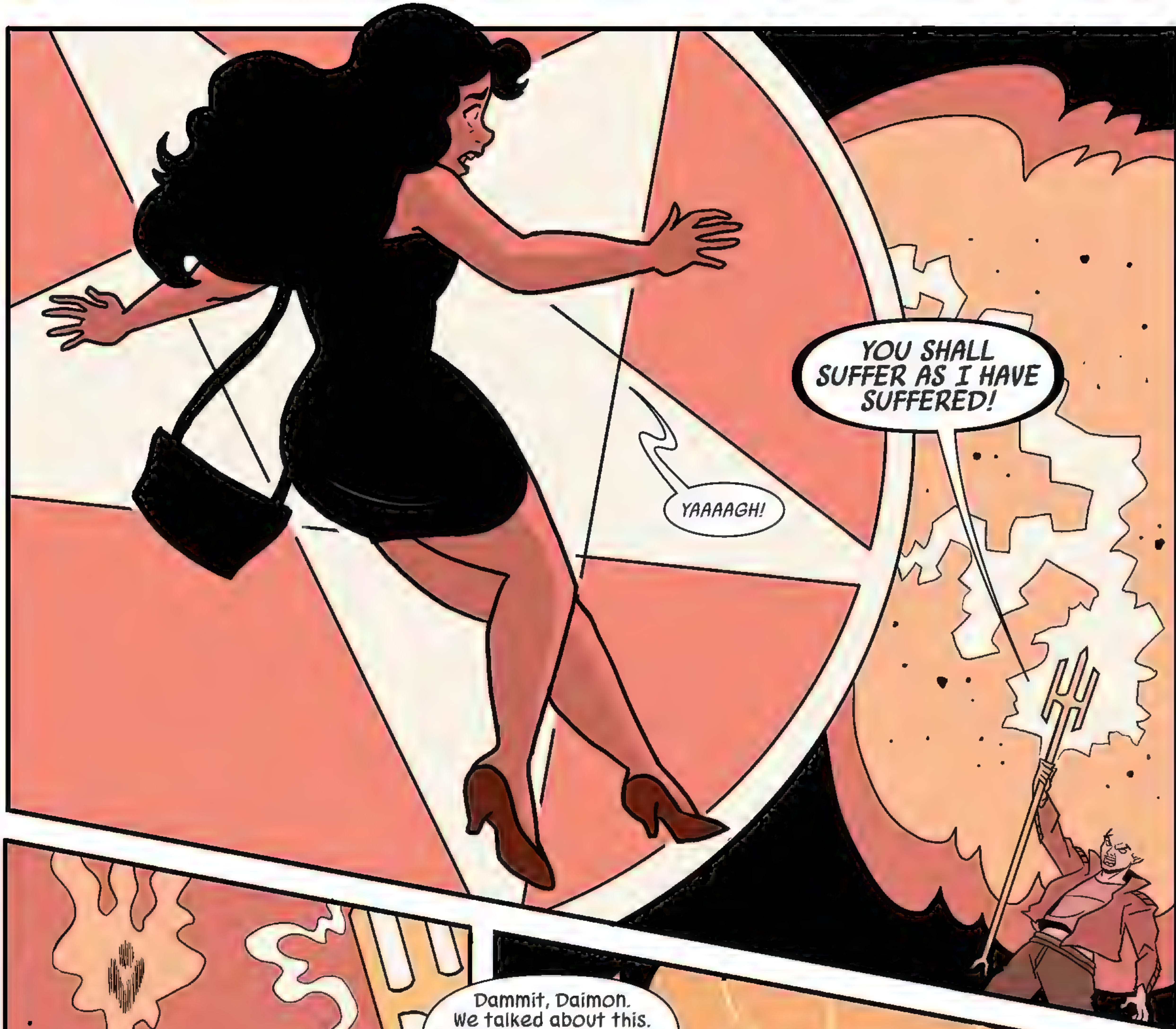
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HAPPEN?!







YOU SHALL
SUFFER AS I HAVE
SUFFERED!

YAAAAGH!



=pant=
=pant=

THAT'S
WHAT YOU--
WHAT YOU GET
FOR--for...

Dammit, Daimon.
We talked about this.
Breathing exercises. You
can't just...banish
people to...

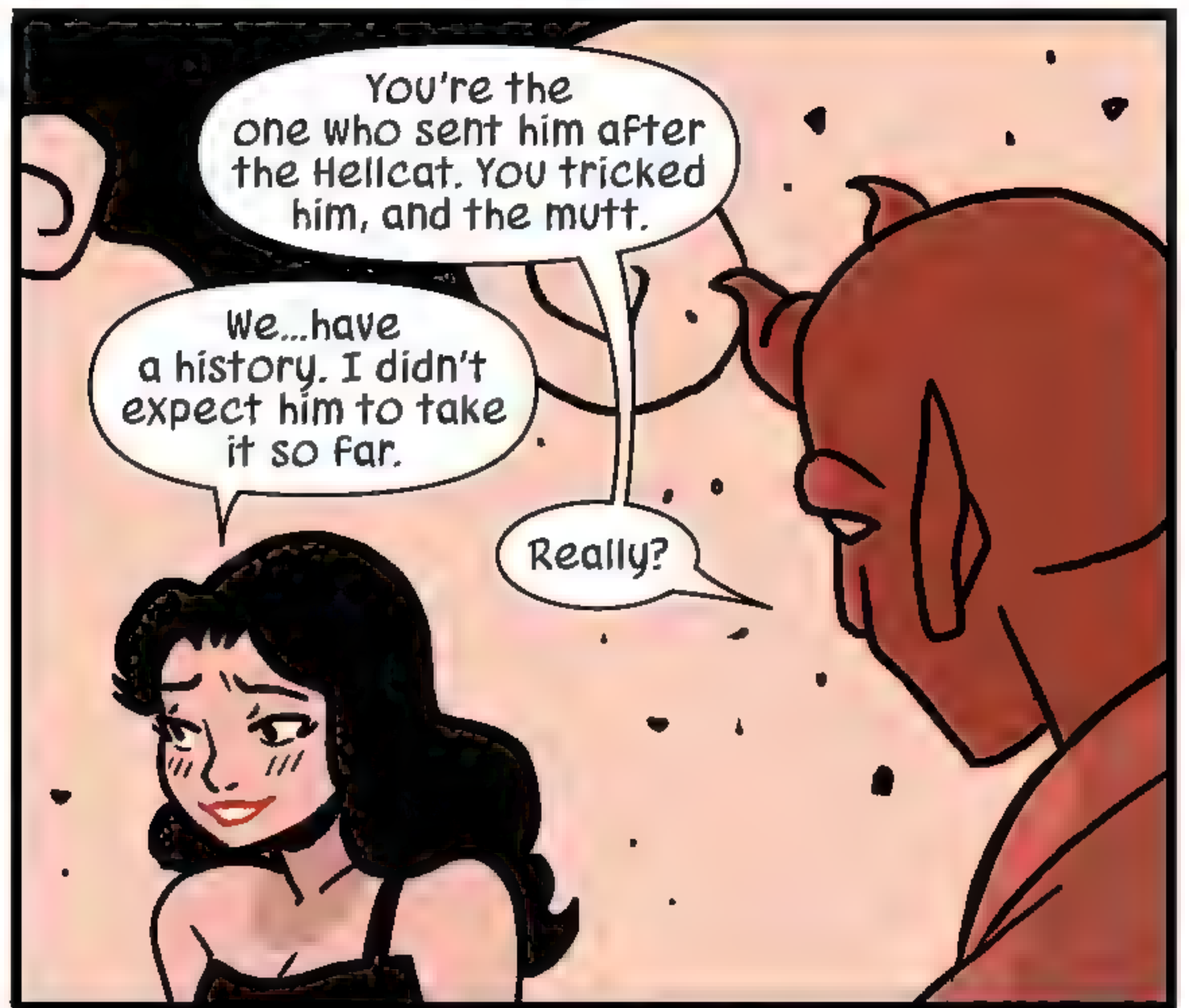
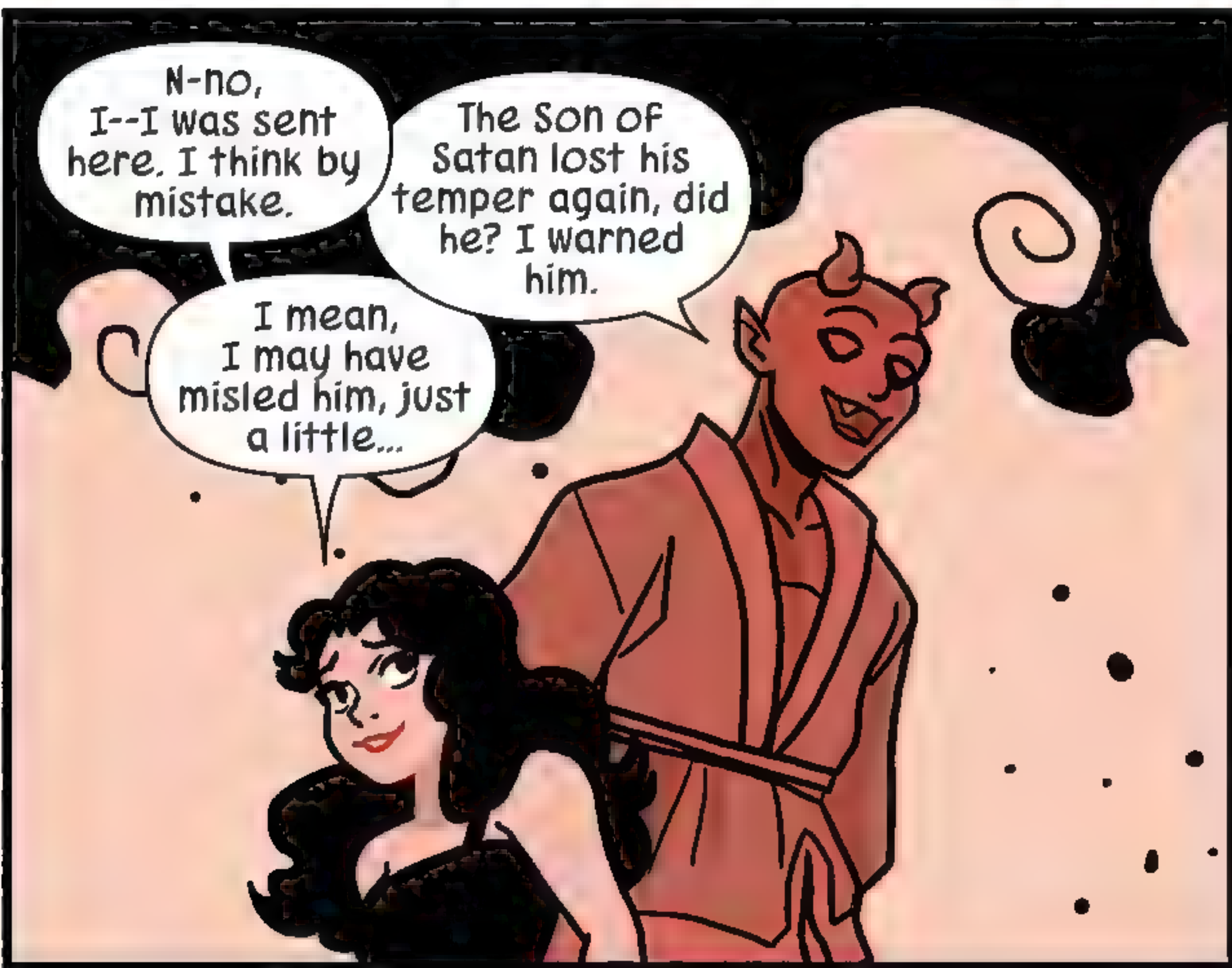


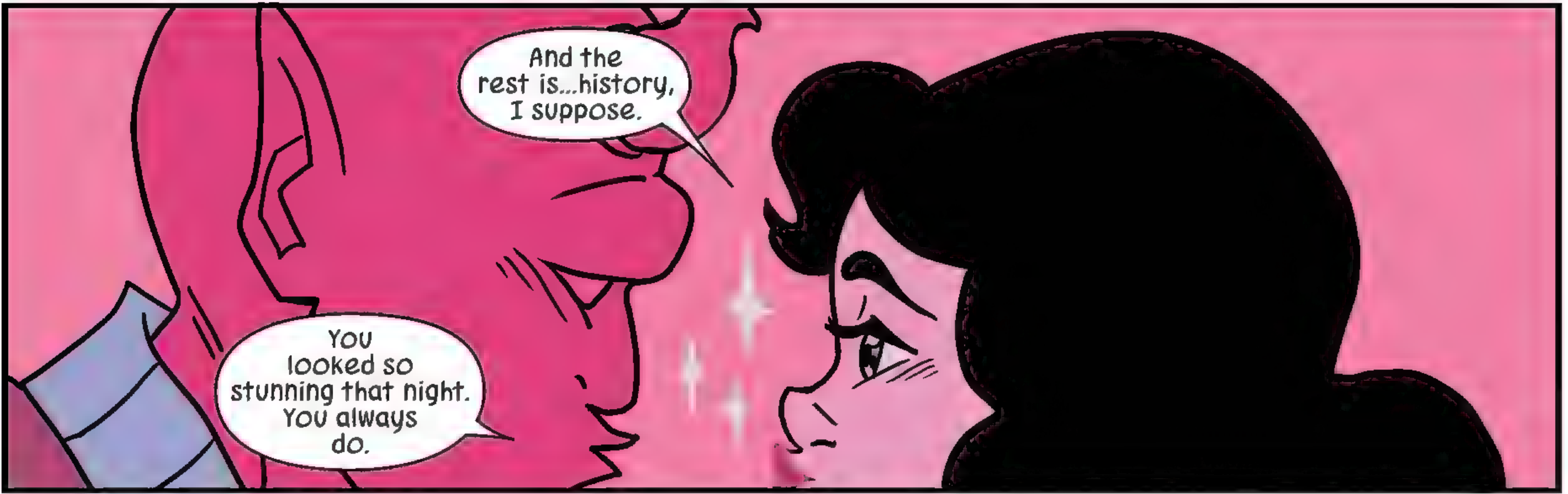
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so...

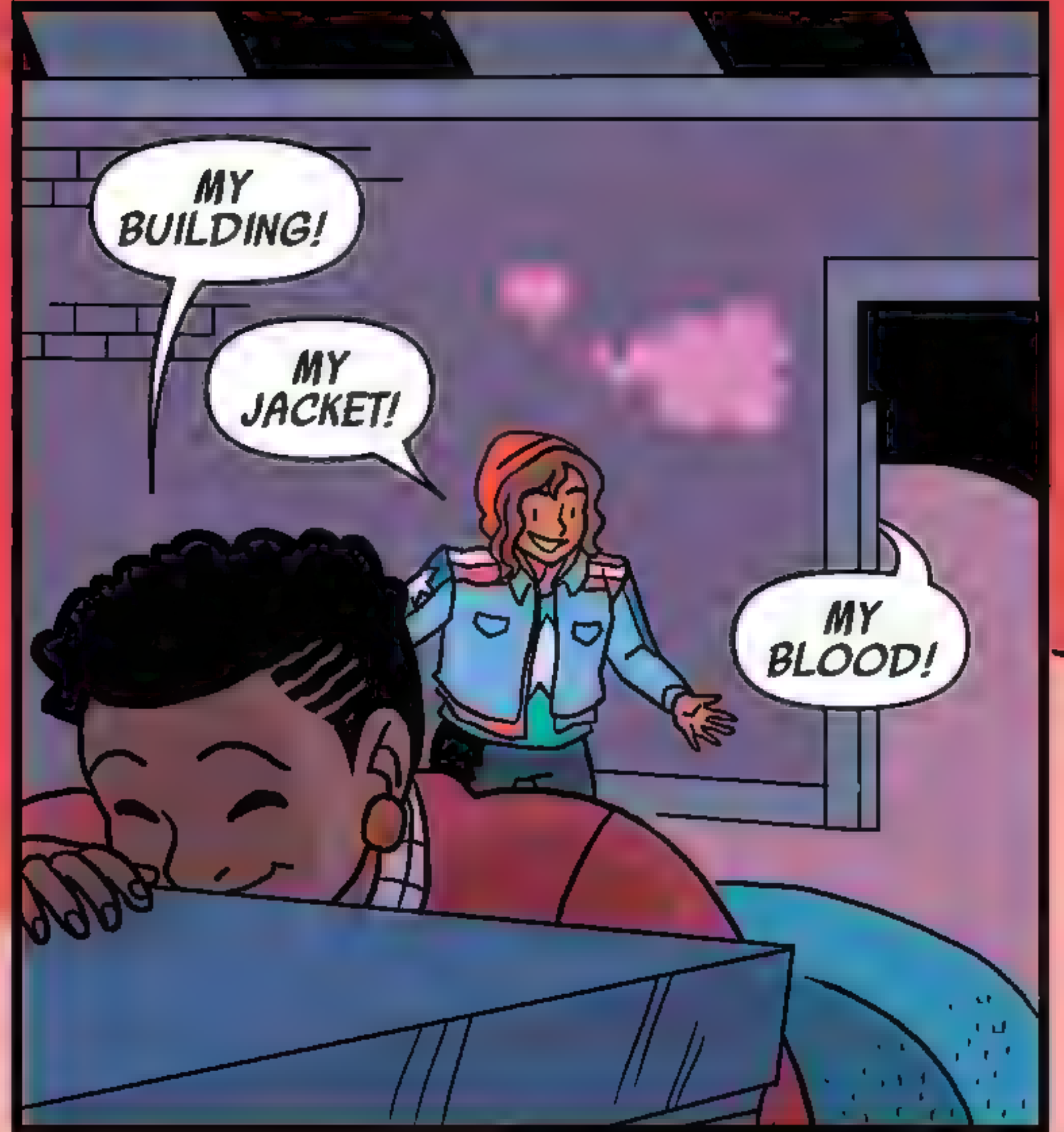
"What...
is this
place?"



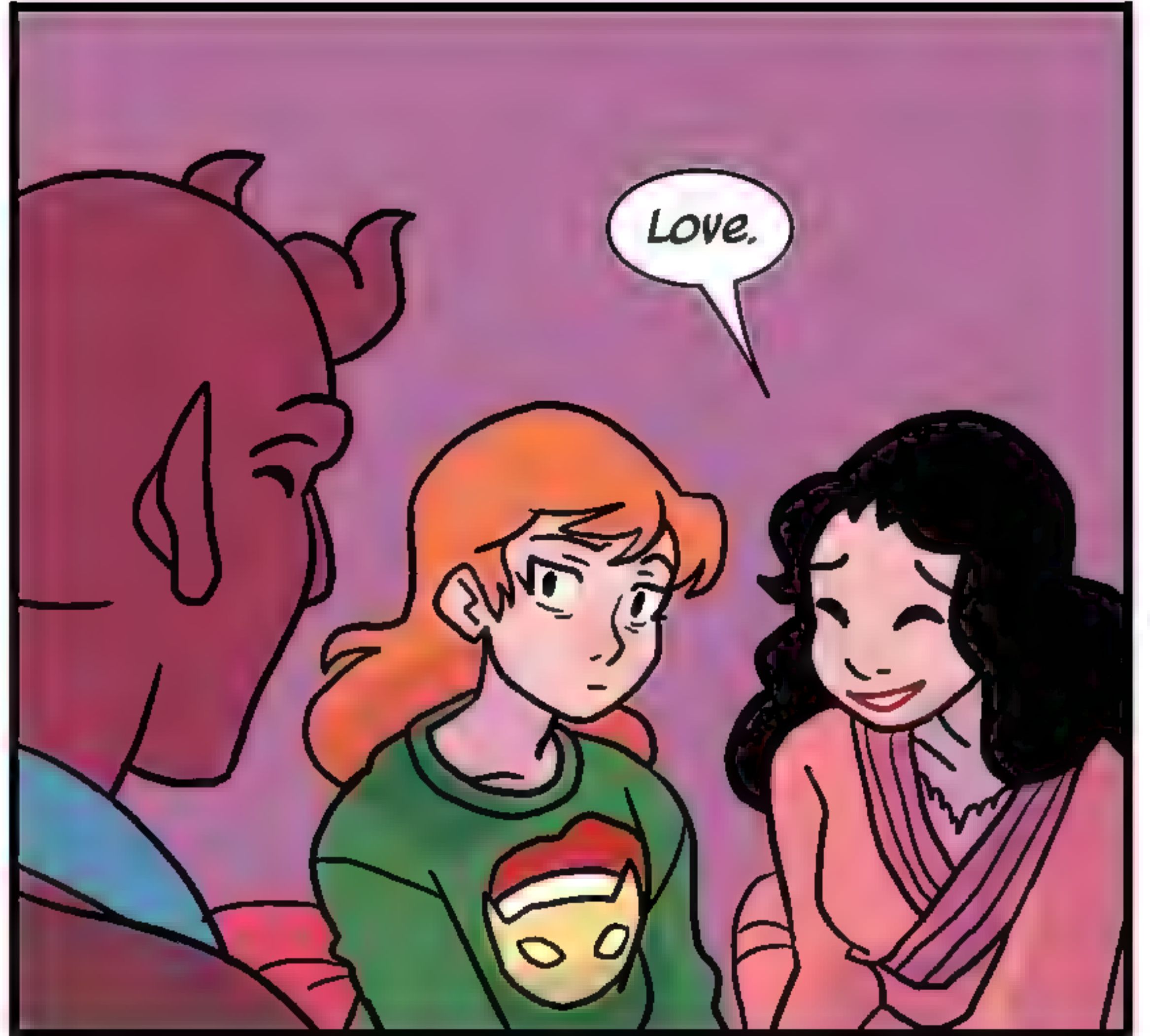


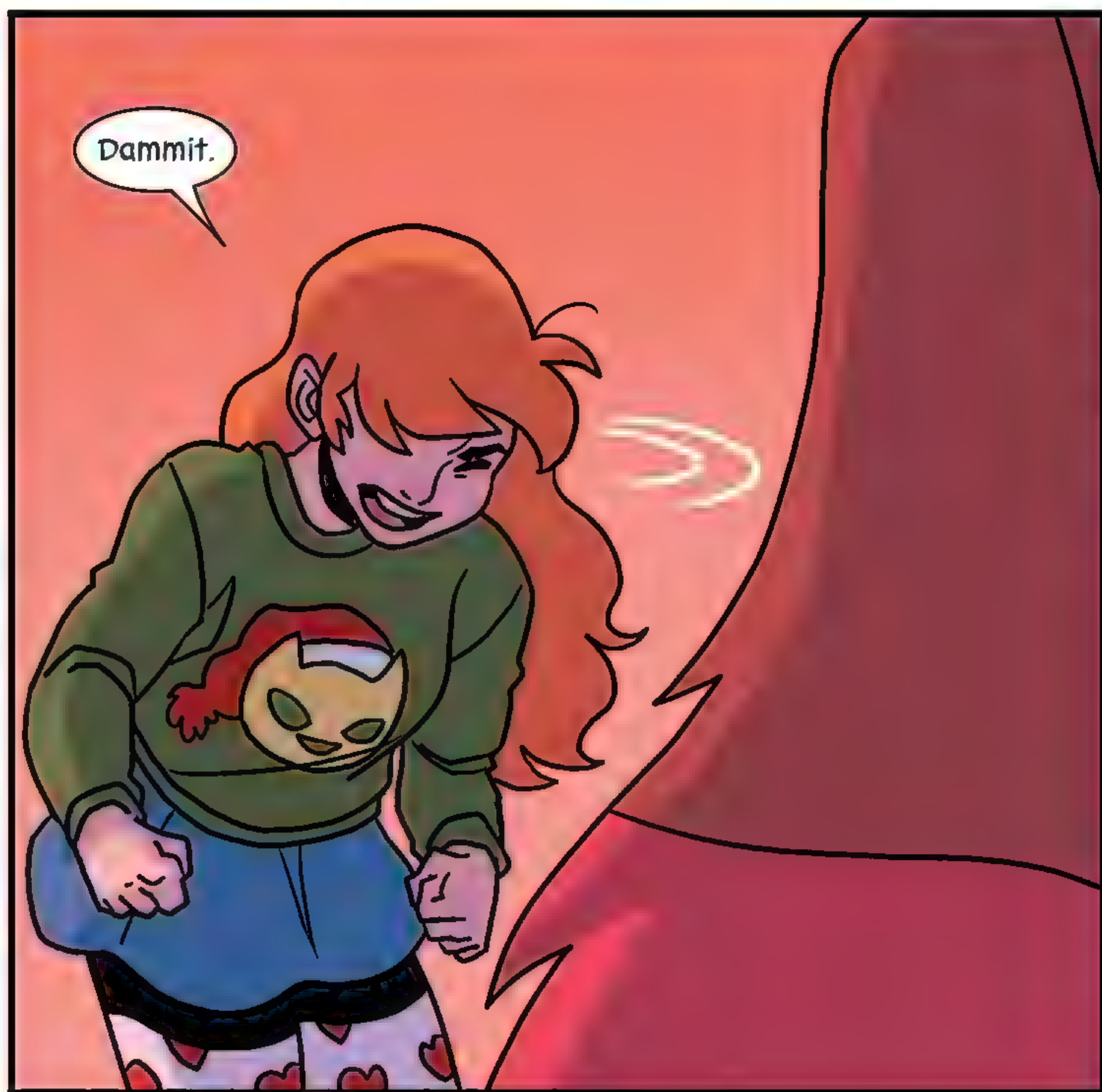














I...I thought I could do this. Run the agency, be a hero, deal with the fame, live some kind of a normal life. But then she left, and I...I...

Oh, Hellcat.

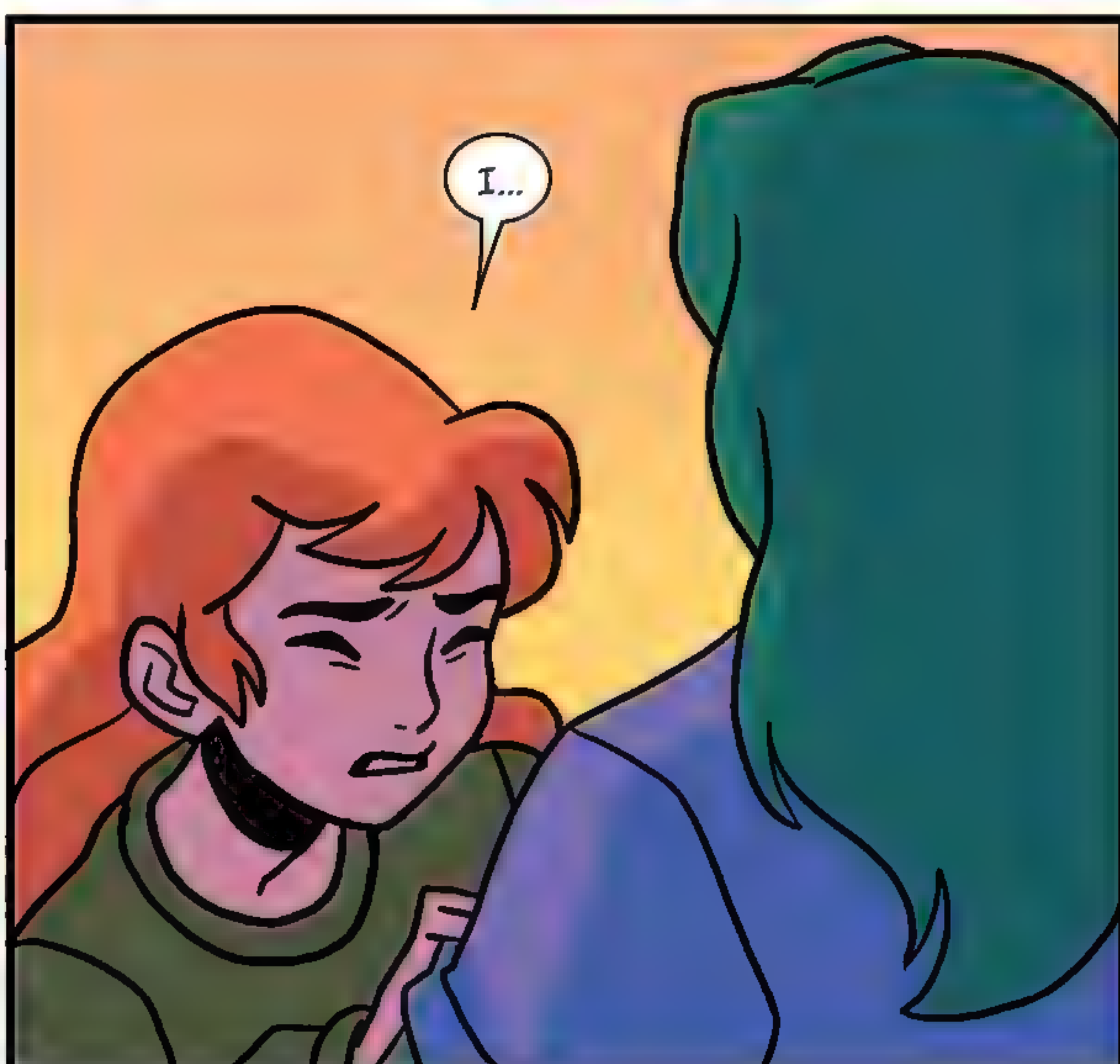


No, no! You don't get to do this again! You're not Jen!

I know. We both know that. I'm not trying to trick you or hurt you. I just thought...



...maybe it would be easier to talk to her.



I...



IF YOU TELL ANYONE I CRIED, I SWEAR--

I won't!

68 JAY STREET. BUT REALLY, THIS TIME.

We're back!
Oh, Brooklyn! I've
never loved your filthy,
gentrified streets so
much in all my
life!

We lost
Hellcat!

I don't think
we did. Benny
told me--

YOU
TRAPPED HER IN HELL?
AGAIN?

I'm going
to punch a hole
straight through this
dimensional wall into
his creepy demon
skull.

No, stop!
It's not like that!
He's trying to *save*
her.

In truth, Belial doesn't
know what caused this.
The "influenza," I...we
thought it would
make sense.

Really, he
thinks the demon
in her, all her contact
with the underworld, her
borrowing Strange's magic
and shifting through worlds...
on top of the stress,
her body can't
take it.

She's
becoming an
instability.

She is,
after all, only
human.

Overrated,
IMHO.

But
he can help
her?

IF she's willing
to help herself, sure.
But, if I know stubborn
ol' Patsy Walker...

I
could
eat.

...We
might be here
a while.

Yeah.
I...

Um...

Do any of
you four like ramen?
There's a place down the
block that does, uh,
these pork cutlet bowls,
and...





...I thought the job would make sense, you know? A temp agency. It's so simple. But it's a nightmare, Jen, I can barely handle it.

I keep getting letters from film studios about the rights to the Patsy books, but I'm scared. I like my life small. I worked hard to find a place to curl up and feel...safe.



Patsy, you...you knew when you came to me looking for work, you wouldn't stay domesticated for long.

I just... I miss you. I feel lost all the time.

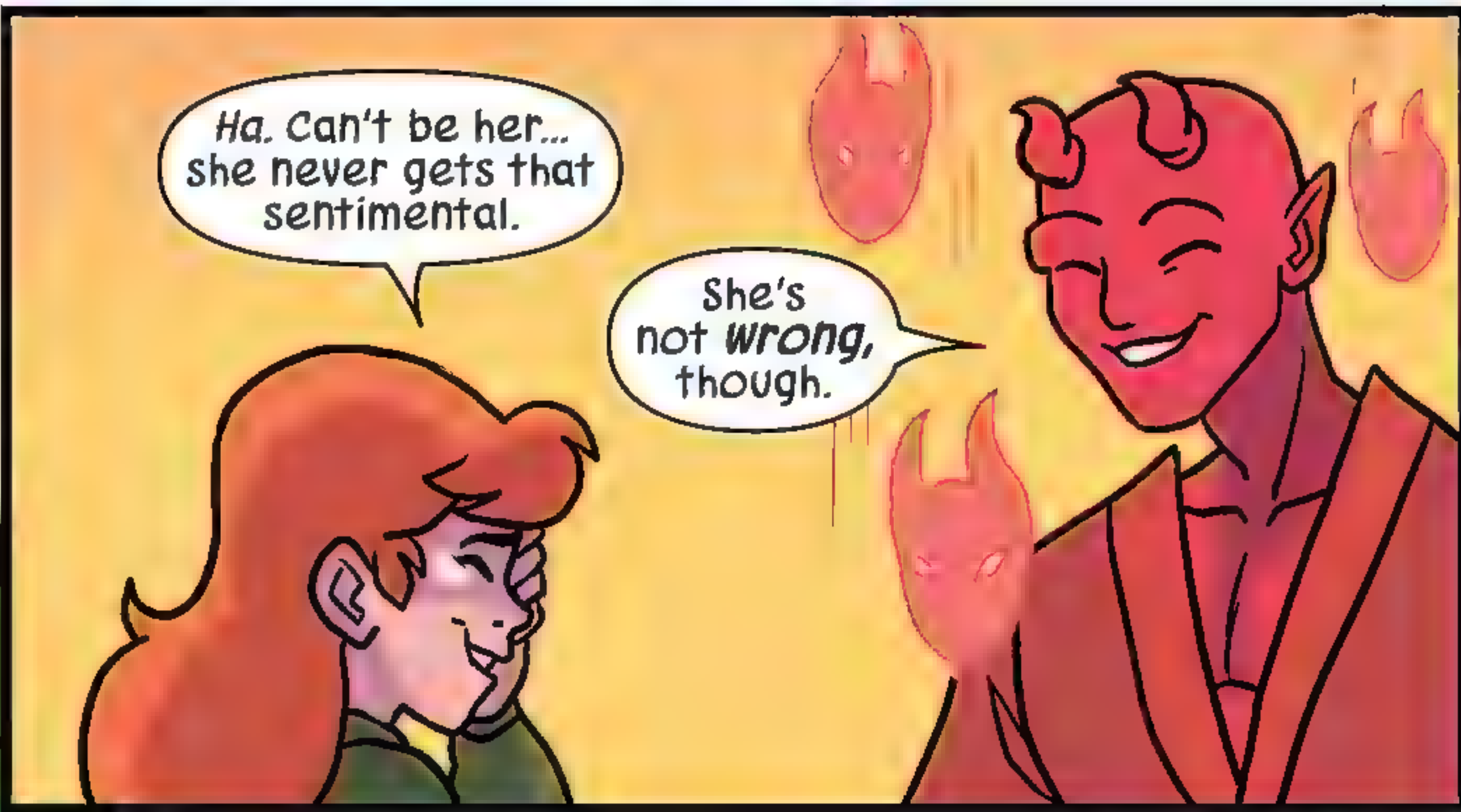
You're the Hellcat. Maybe you're not meant to settle down.



I mean, look at you. You tried to stay out of the game and ended up assembling a team of the outcasts *OF* outcasts. You can't even help it, Patsy. You bring people together.

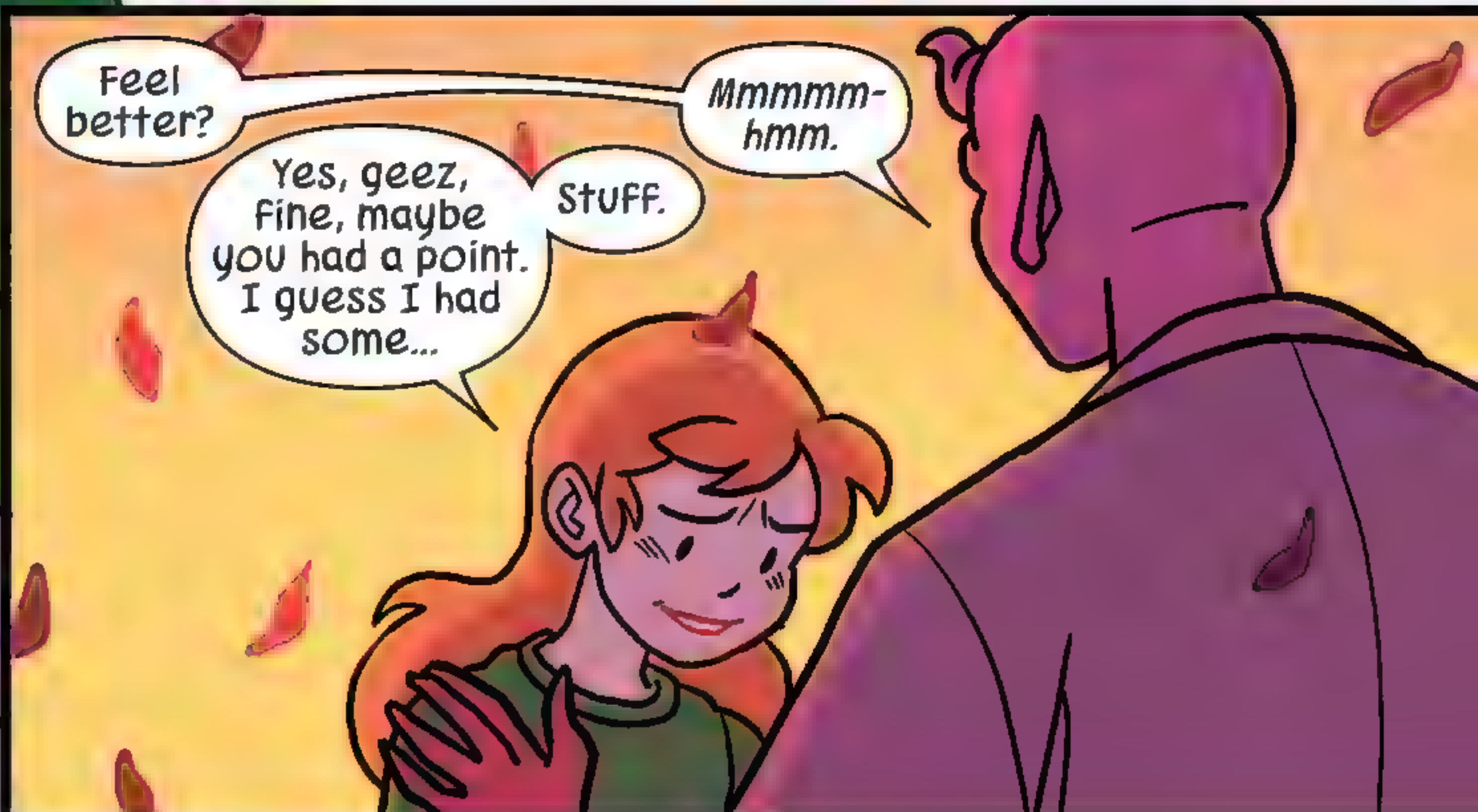


That's why we love you.



Ha. Can't be her... she never gets that sentimental.

She's not *wrong*, though.

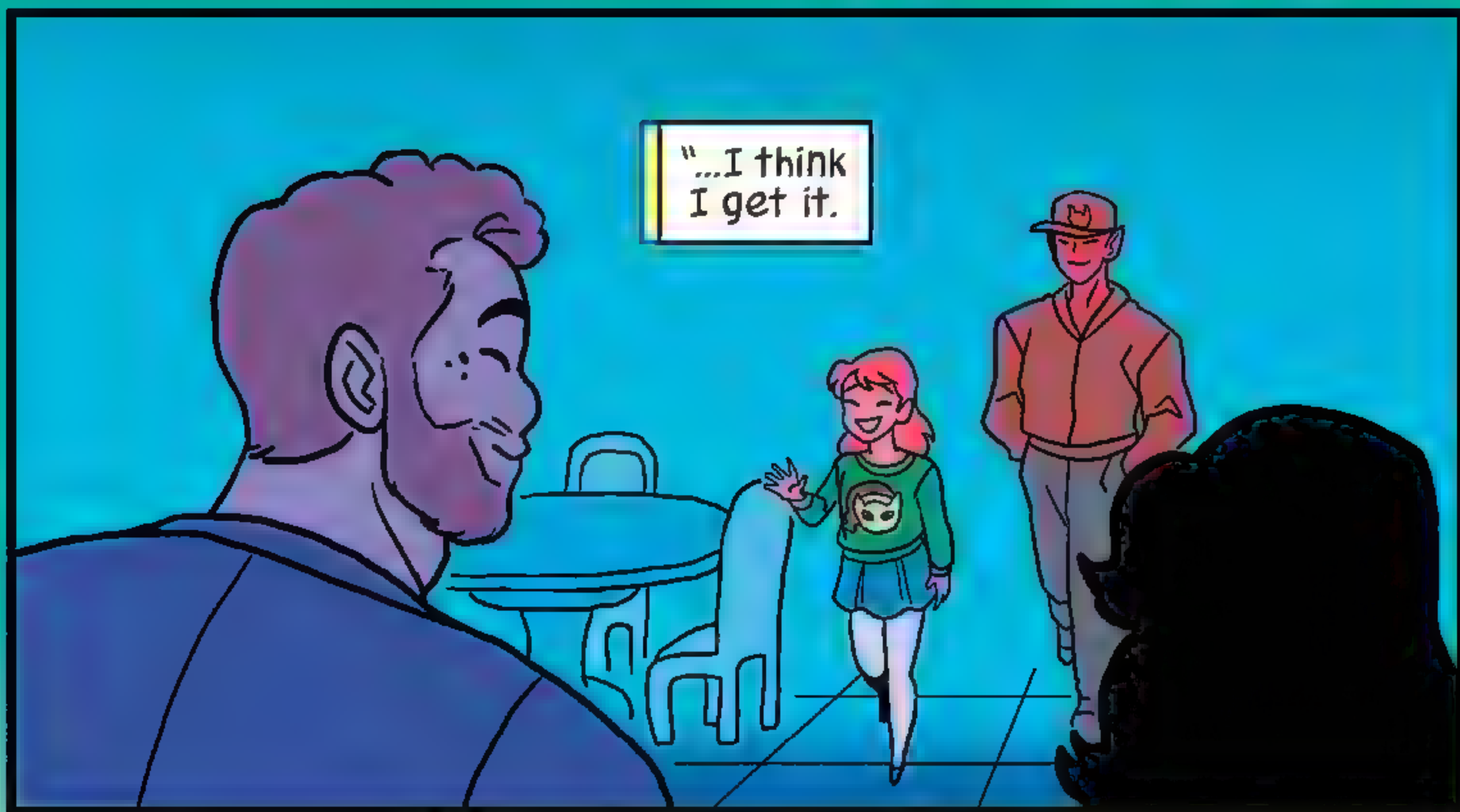


Feel better?

Yes, geez, fine, maybe you had a point. I guess I had some...

Stuff.

Mmmmm-hmm.



"I'm ready to be a hero again."

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My dear Hellkittens, the time has come to talk of many things. Firstly, that we love and cherish you more than anything in this world. Secondly, and it's a bit of a doozy: our bizarre, technicolor, magical, weird, wonderful, queer, whimsical run of PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT! will be ending with issue #17. Yes, Patsy and pals will be saying goodbye with the next issue, but we're going out (quite literally) in style. Before you panic, we've known for a while, and Marvel's been grand enough to let us see our story to its end and do Patsy justice. Of course we're going to miss this book, but all we hope is that you've enjoyed it, that we've done right by our corner of the universe. I can't thank you enough.

SO, if you've ever wanted to send a letter, a fan art, a cosplay photo, a CAT, you're going to want to do it ASAP. I mean, right now. Put down this comic and get to typing! As we wait to hear from you, enjoy our PENULTIMATE letters page. I love you very much. You're the real heroes.

Dear Kit Kate, Brit Kit, and HELLCAT Team,

Hello--my name is Hobbes (A.K.A. Leo II), and my new adoptive parents told me about your comic, and I love it! I really like how Patsy's friends stick up for her and vice versa. I am so glad Black Cat is part of the mix! I have a younger sister who is a black cat, and right now we don't really get along well, but I'm hoping we will soon. (Maybe Patsy and Felicia will become friends, too?) And I do my best to play with my other younger sister, who is a tabby.

Every day we seem to bond a little bit more, kind of like Patsy and Jen. (I hope she gets better soon!) One day, I envision my sisters and I all reading new issues of PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT! together. I'd like to give a shout-out (actually a loud encouraging MEOW!) to 911 Dog and Cat Rescue of New Jersey--they literally saved my life by removing me from a kill shelter, then helped me find my forever home. I'm an older cat, and can't tell you how glad I am to have been given a second chance!

Keep up the great work! If you keep writing, I'll keep reading! Quick question: What does Patsy prefer playing at the barcade--pinball or video arcade games?



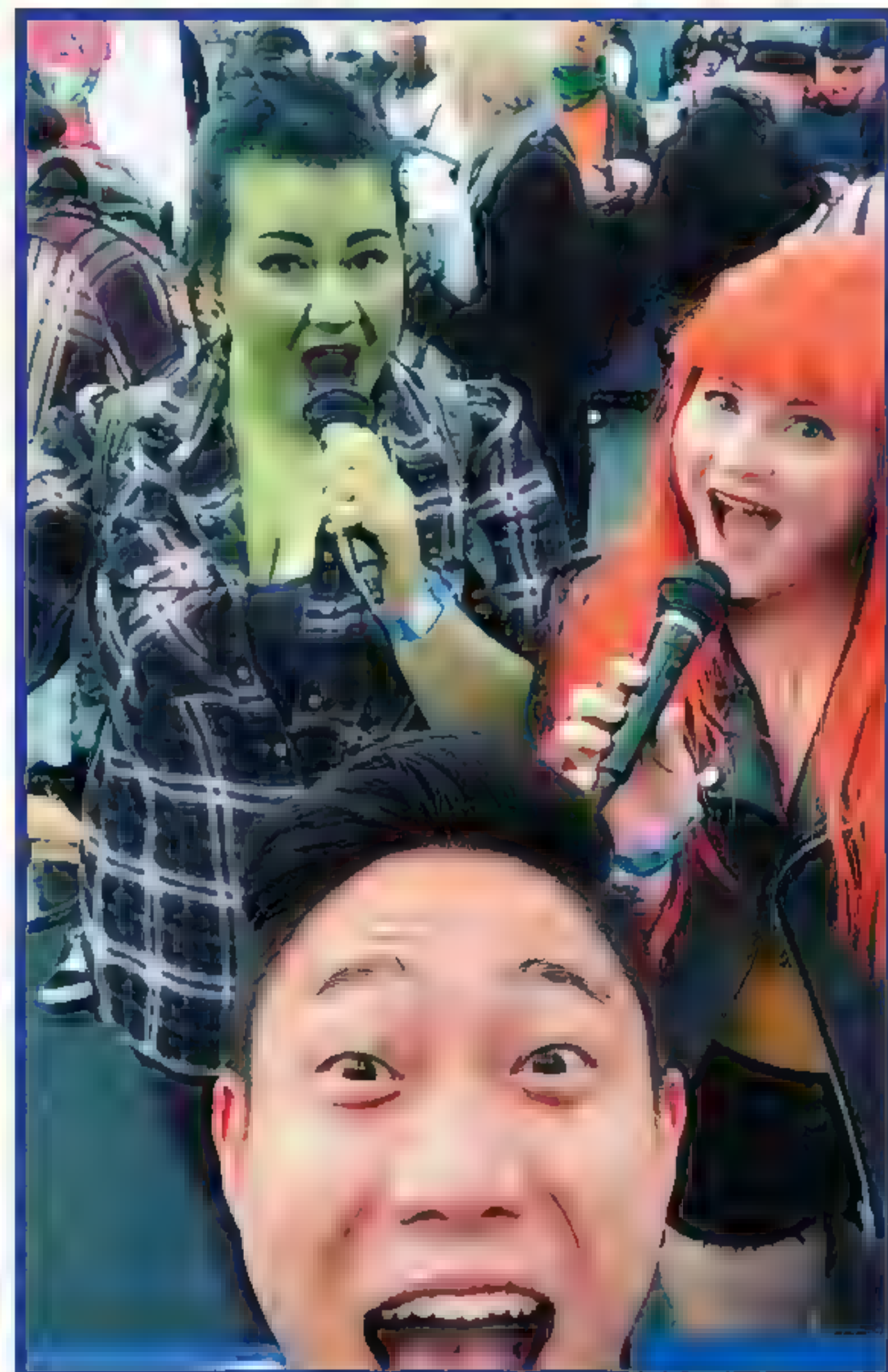
Much Love,
Hobbes (A.K.A. Leo II)

Hobbes! I'm so impressed that you've learned to use a computer! What a brilliant mind! As for Patsy's predilections, she's a big fan of button-mashing beat-em-ups. She'll always keep a quarter for an Elvira pinball machine, though.

Hello, lovely HELLCAT Team,

I absolutely adore everything you've done with Patsy and the gang in this comic series--it's the only comic I make sure to get

every single issue of. I especially love issues where She-Hulk pops up!! Their friendship is so great. My girlfriend and I recently went to a convention where we got to meet Kevin Wada, who drew a variant cover for the comic, and we cosplayed as that cover! It was fab walking around as our favorite duo. You guys are the best and I'm so glad Hellcat has made such a comeback.



Rosanna
UK

You glorious ANGELS! You are EVERYTHING. When I saw your photo online, I squealed and showed my phone to everyone around me, which, at the time, was just my cat, but she was VERY impressed. You look amazing. I hope you kissed in the outfits. Is that weird? Whatever! 2017: KEEP 'EM GUESSIN'! YOU'RE GREAT!!!

Hello, Kitties,

I have been wanting to write to you for months and it is finally happening. HELLCAT was already a fast favorite of mine, with its

incredible charm and sense of humor and its adorable art and the incredible representation presented across the cast of characters--all still quite unique in mainstream comics... But then you did something to solidify my love forever. You added Jubilee.

More than that, you made Jubilee's vampirism FUN for the first time in the six years since she was turned. The clever use of traditional vampire powers (how has no one had her turn into cute mist before now??) has made me come around on this whole ridiculous vampirization and that was NOT an easy task.

Jubilee is THE reason I got into comics. She was my entry point from the X-Men cartoon, to becoming that monster that has to have ALL of the X-books and then all of the titles that mutant characters appear in and so forth. Jubilee turned me into a Marvel Zombie (Marvel Vampire might be more apt in this scenario), and I have adored her addition to the HELLCAT cast.

Showing her vampire mom status as something that can be fun and normal is exactly how Jubilee would cope with all that life hands her. Thank you for this incredibly wry take on an old favorite and for brining me so many new favorites in the HELLCAT cast. Please keep this book around forever. Like a vampire.

Tracie Mauk
Omaha, NE

Oh my gosh, Tracie, that's just about the nicest thing I've ever heard. When Brittney and I talked about who to add to the cast after Jen's exit (sniff, sniff) and Jubilee's name came up, her eyes lit up like a New Valentine's-Mas tree. I have a soft spot for weird teens and side characters, obviously, and I think she made an amazing fit. I'm so glad you like our incarnation of Jubes. She is pure joy, and all I could do was attempt to do her justice for her time in our little book.

Hey there, PATSY WALKER team!
This is the first comic I've ever picked up and not put down. I love stories of super heroes but never got into comic books until now. HELLCAT is so well written and well drawn. I love her sass and wit! The little notes y'all leave about other comics (specifically DEFENDERS) has lead me to pick up even more comics to find out more about Hellcat! I always cuddle up with my baby Bleu while I read. Thank you for giving me a gateway into the Marvel Universe! Everything about this comic is to die for! I can't wait for the next one.



Thank you,
Summer and Bleu
The Woodlands, TX

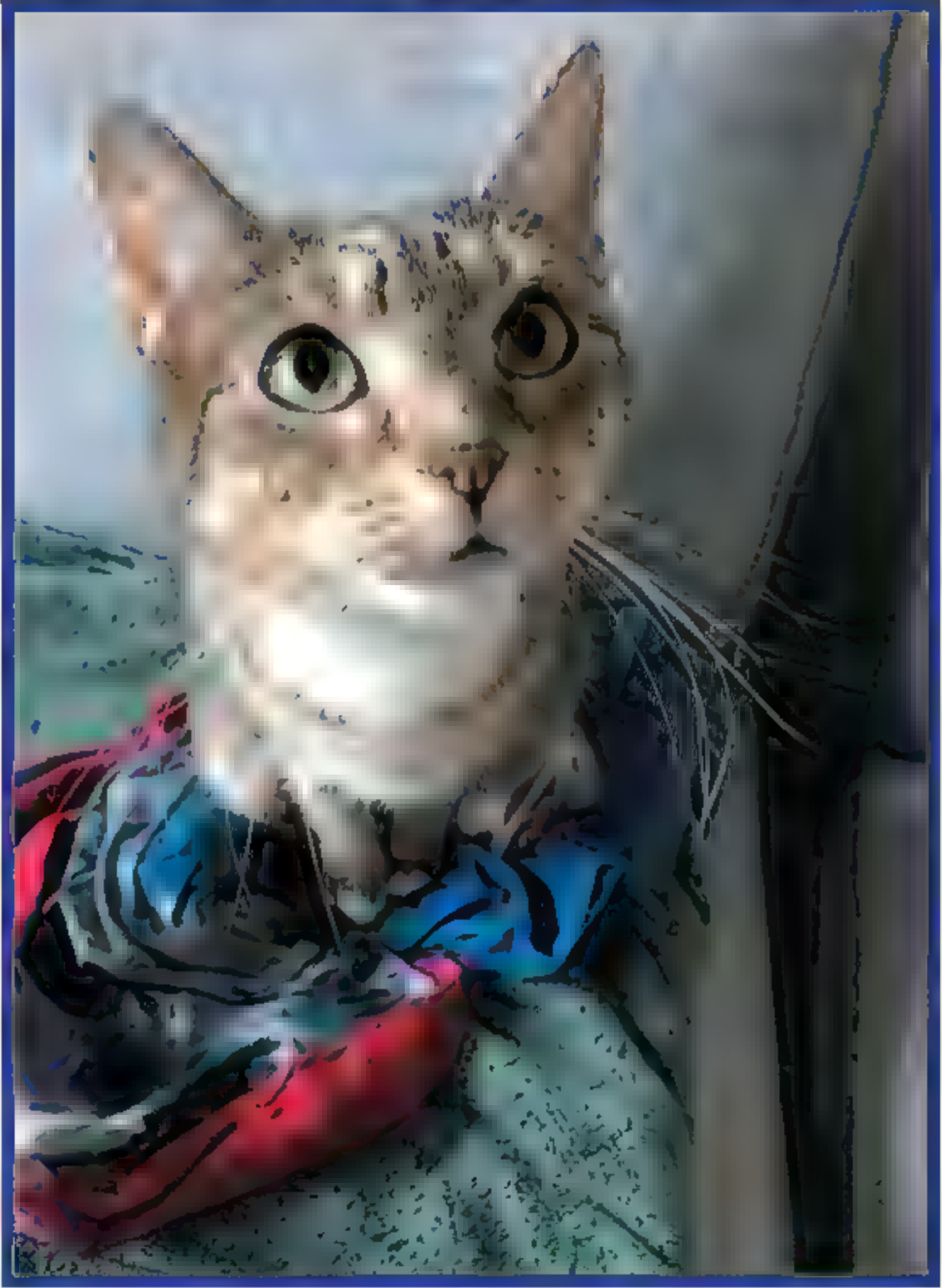
Summer and BLEU! You're both so purr-fect! Thank you for trying us out, we're glad to have a place on your shelf.

Hello, Brilliant Minds Behind HELLCAT!

I'm going to keep this short because I could ramble on for six issues about how much I love this series (it is beautiful and perfect). Instead here're three things that stand out:

1. The Todd Nauck variant cover on issue #11 was the first time I ever bought a second copy of the same issue just for the cover.
2. The way your art somehow makes me feel like I'm watching a cartoon is amazing.
3. I never knew I wanted a comic with both Jubilee and She-Hulk until now...but unfortunately, now that's not all I want, so can I talk you into bringing in some Ms. Marvel and Lockjaw as well?

My little kitten Maeby wants to be in your letters page. How do you say "no" to a face like that? :)
Best wishes and thanks for a great first year!



Timothy Johnson
Natick, MA

How do I say no, Timothy? I DON'T! That is a great cat and she deserves to round out our letters page for this month! What a sweet face, aw, geez. As for your compliments, THANK YOU! As for your questions... Maeby. See what I did there?!

That's all for this month, dear friends. We'll see you for *SNIFF* our LAST ISSUE soon. Sugar, we're going down swingin'.

-Kate

NEXT MONTH:



Patsy Walker, A.K.A.

HELLCAT!

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Patsy Walker, A.K.A.

HELLCAT!

That's me!

THE **PATSY WALKER**
TEMP AGENCY

Patsy Walker is many things: P.I., pseudo-celebrity, epic butt-kicker. Life may knock her down, but Patsy always lands on her feet, which is how she went from unemployed to opening a temp agency for super-powered folks!

...she's Hellcat, and she's back, baby!

Sure, she's been dealt some rough cards recently – like her old frenemy *Hedy Wolfe* republishing embarrassing romance comics about Patsy's teenage years. But hardest by far was when her BFF, *She-Hulk*, almost died, leaving Patsy reeling.

With their love and encouragement, Patsy's realized that she's more than just the world's okayest boss...

Thankfully, Patsy has made some amazing friends, and even reconciled with old ones, who have supported her through her ups and downs. Together, they've battled monsters, thieves, witches, and anxiety.

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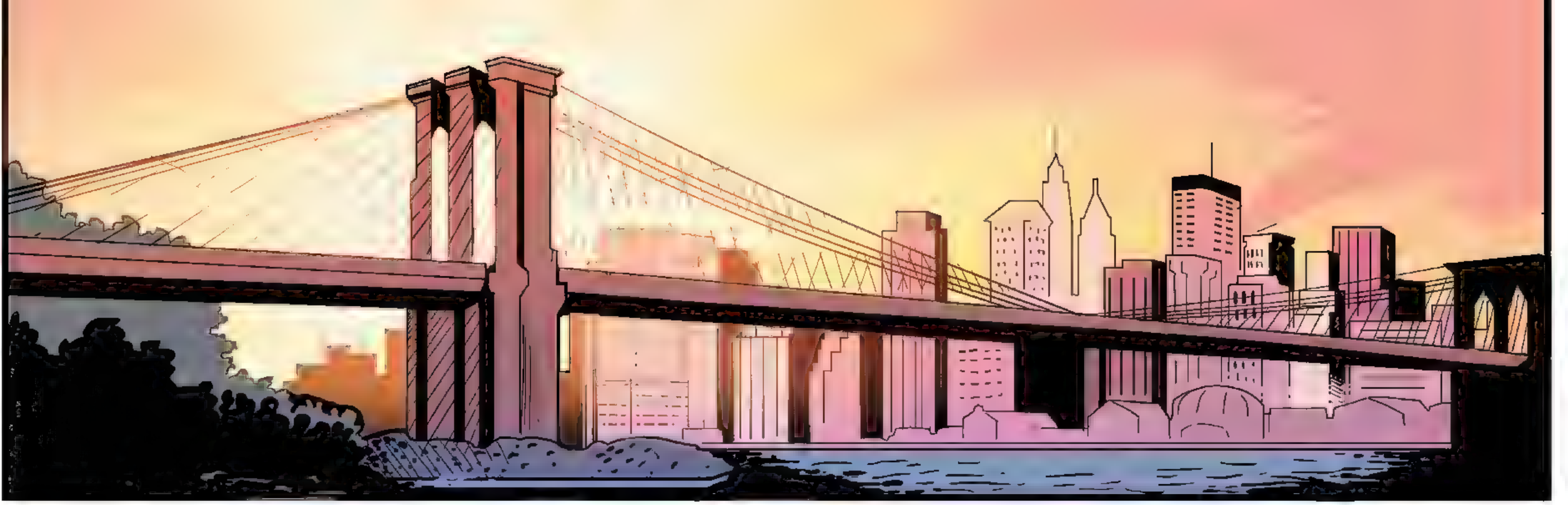
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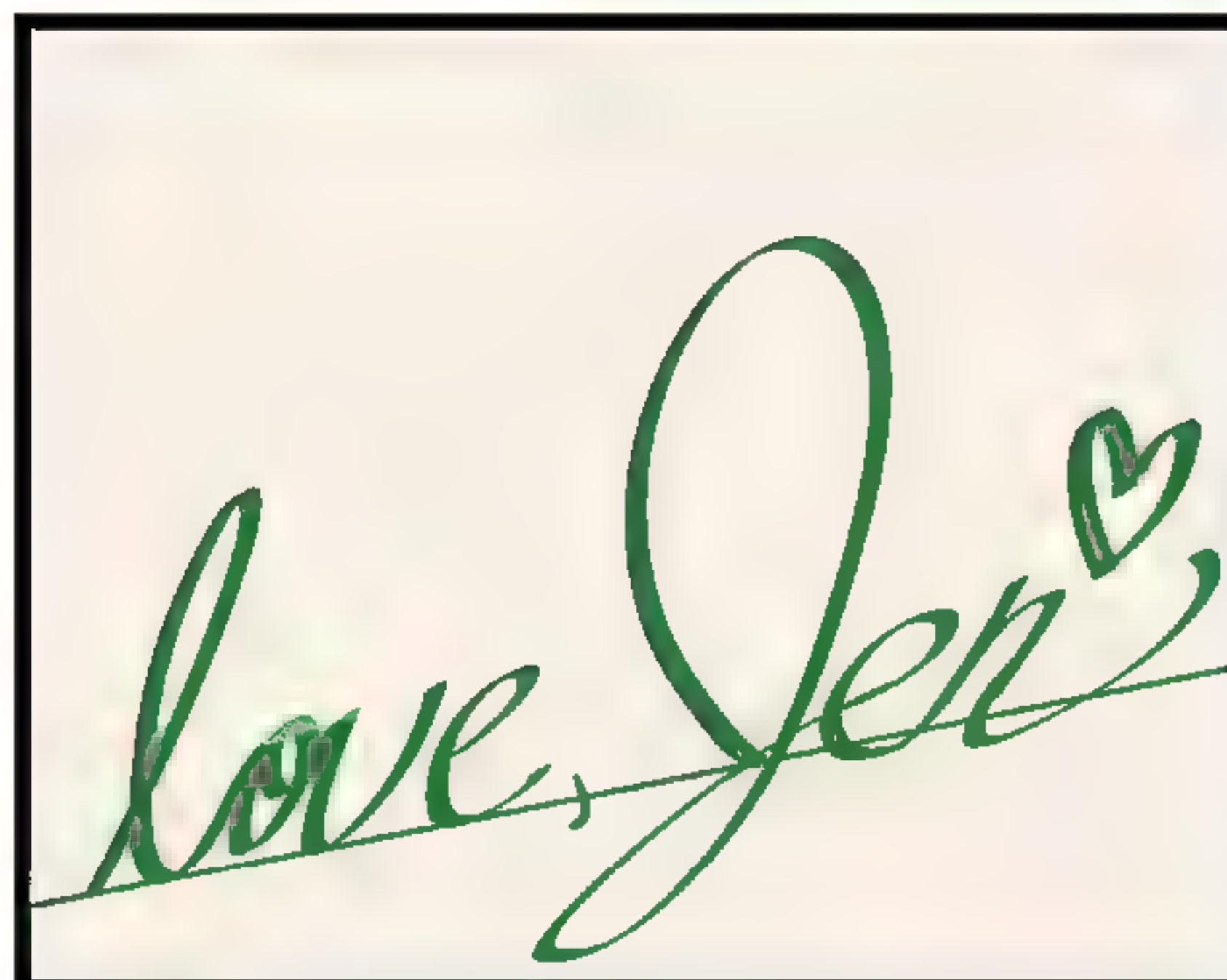
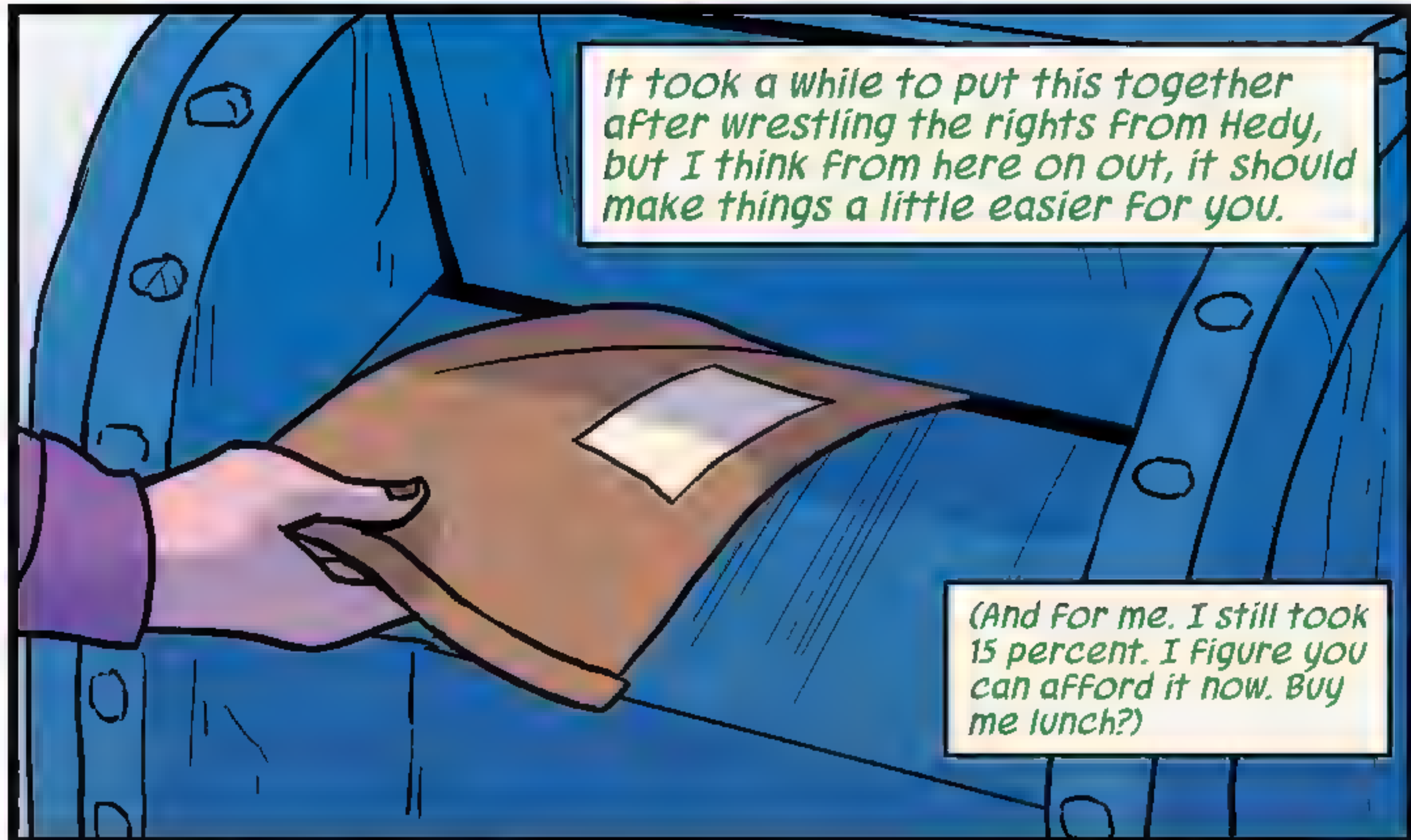
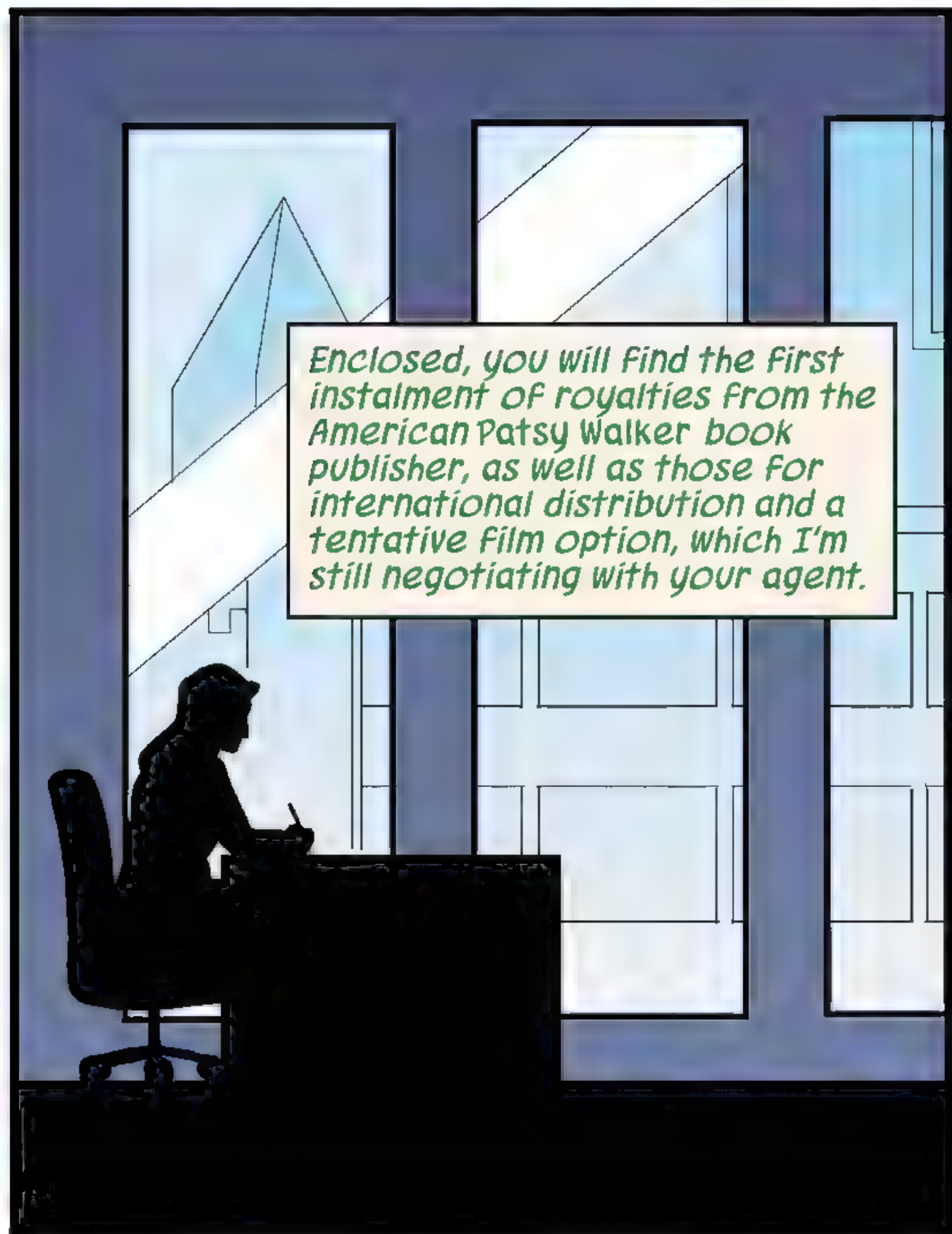


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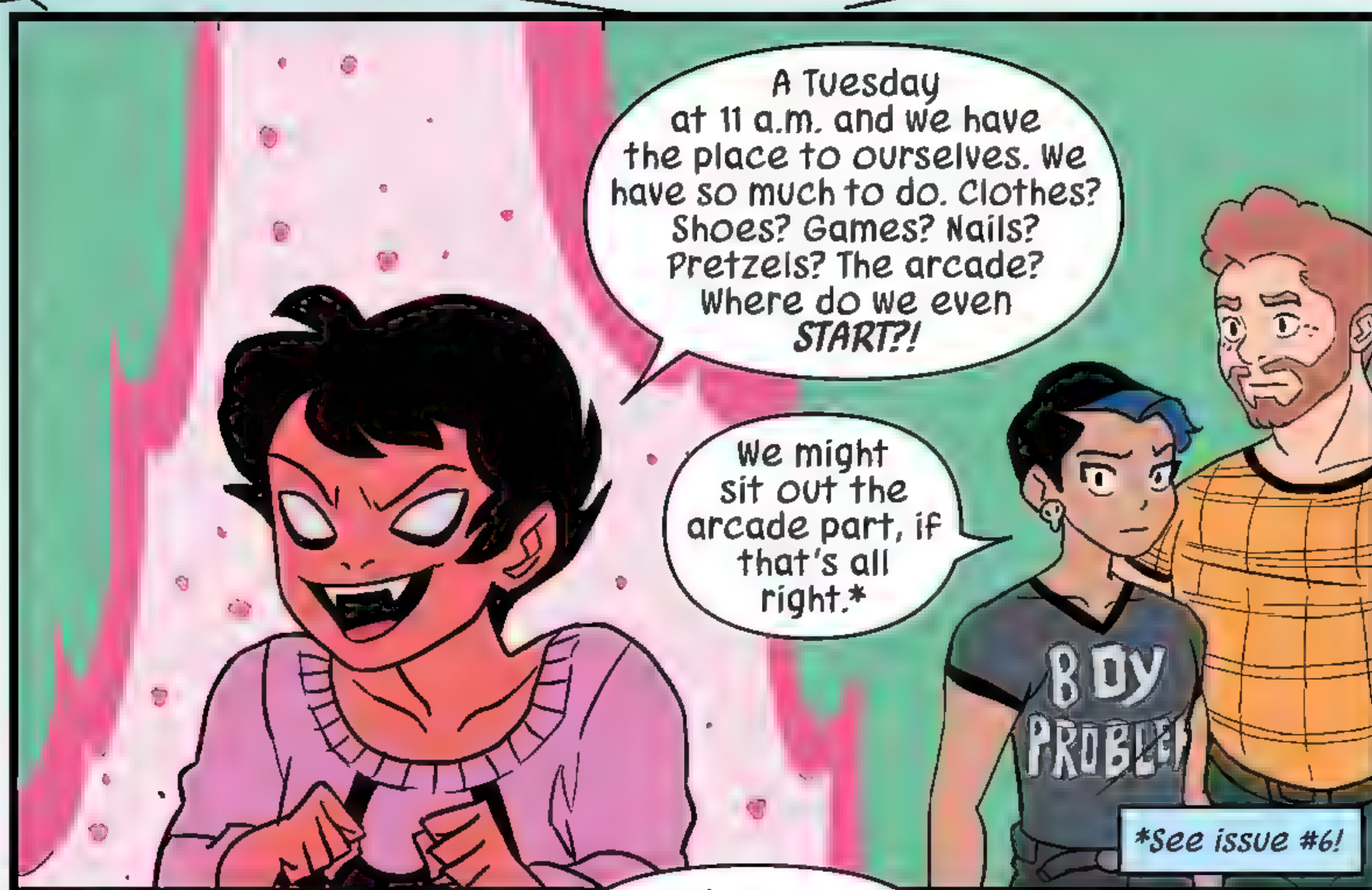
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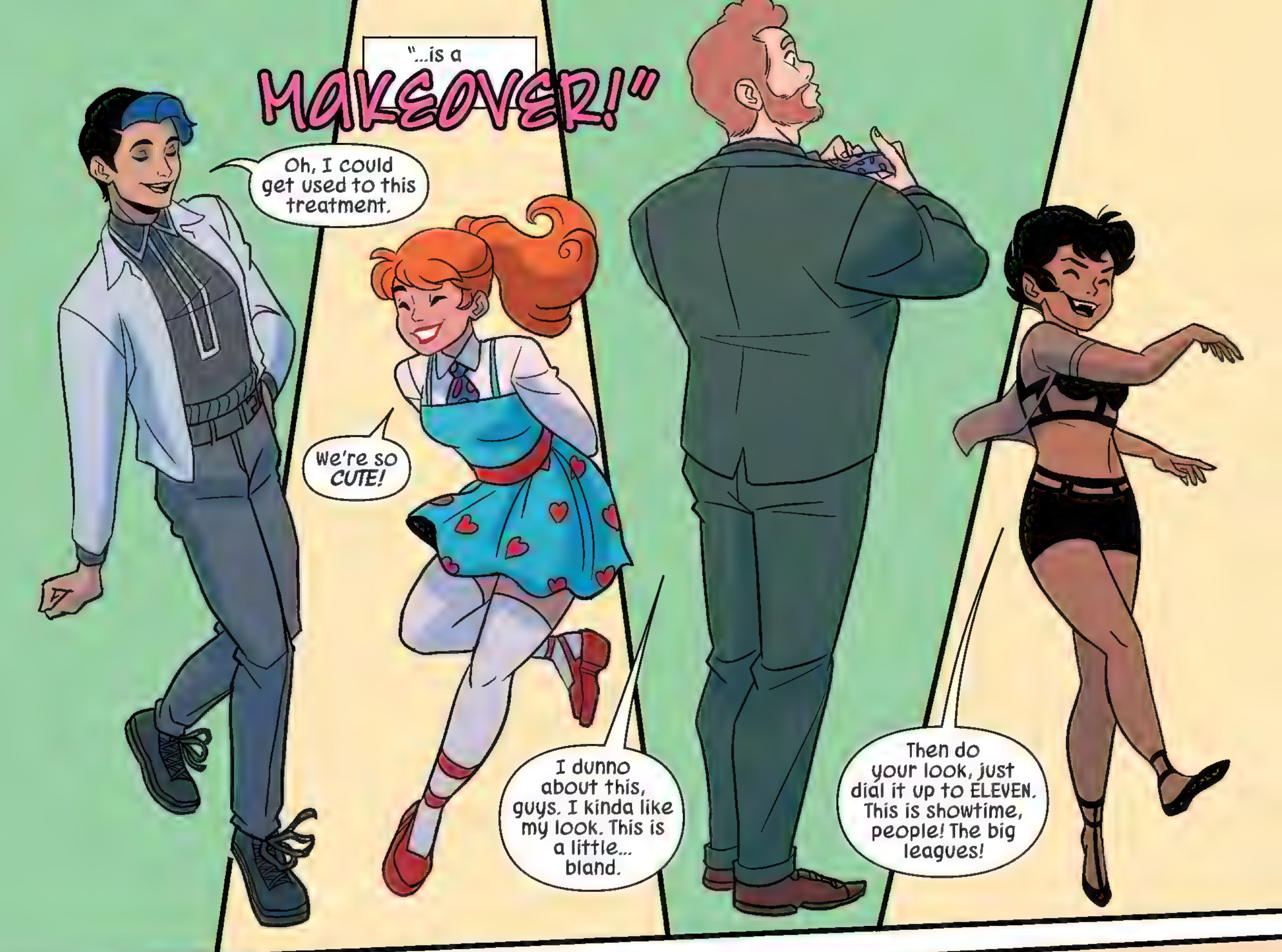












PATSY'S Fully Funded Fashion Fiesta



And NEVER go home!

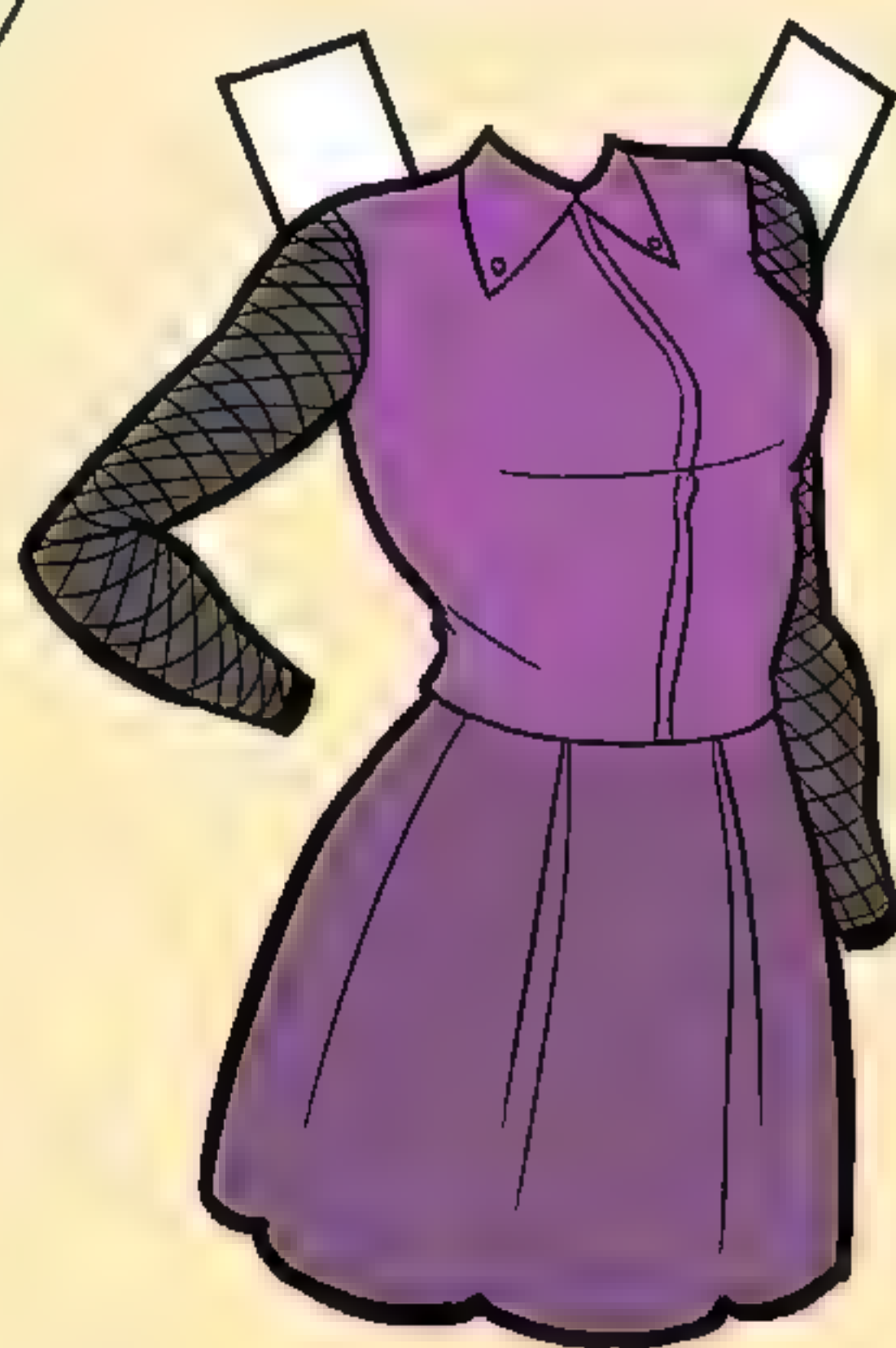


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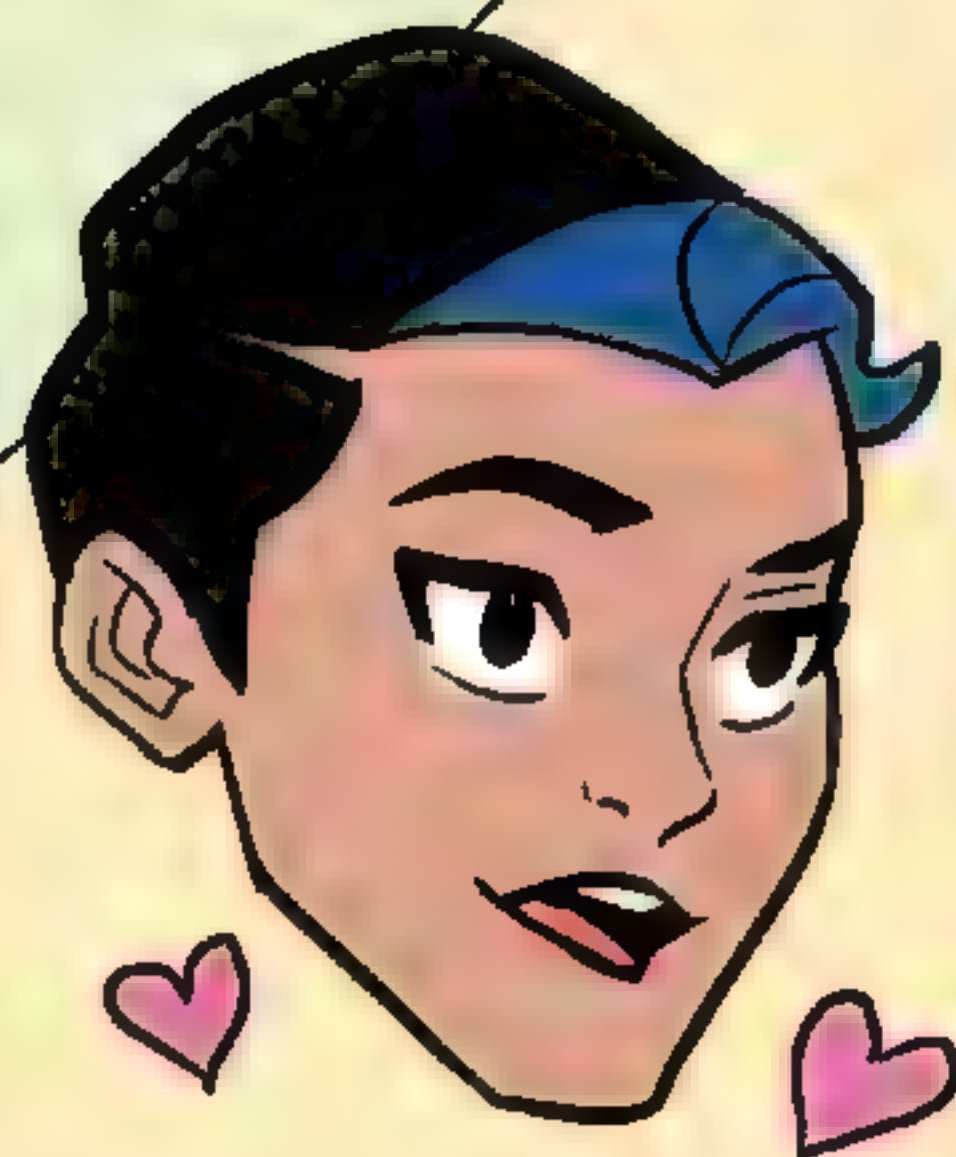


I like it! It's very you!

Um, if you don't buy this for yourself, I call dibs.



Babe, we're at the mall, why would you wear your costume?





Because
you just never
know, do you,
Jubes?

It's only
a power outage.
Malls like this usually
have a generator, it'll
be back on in no
time.

But it's SO
dark! Why is it
so dark?!

No windows.
Part of why I
love this complex
so much--no
spontaneous
combustion.



I always
forget you're a
vampire.

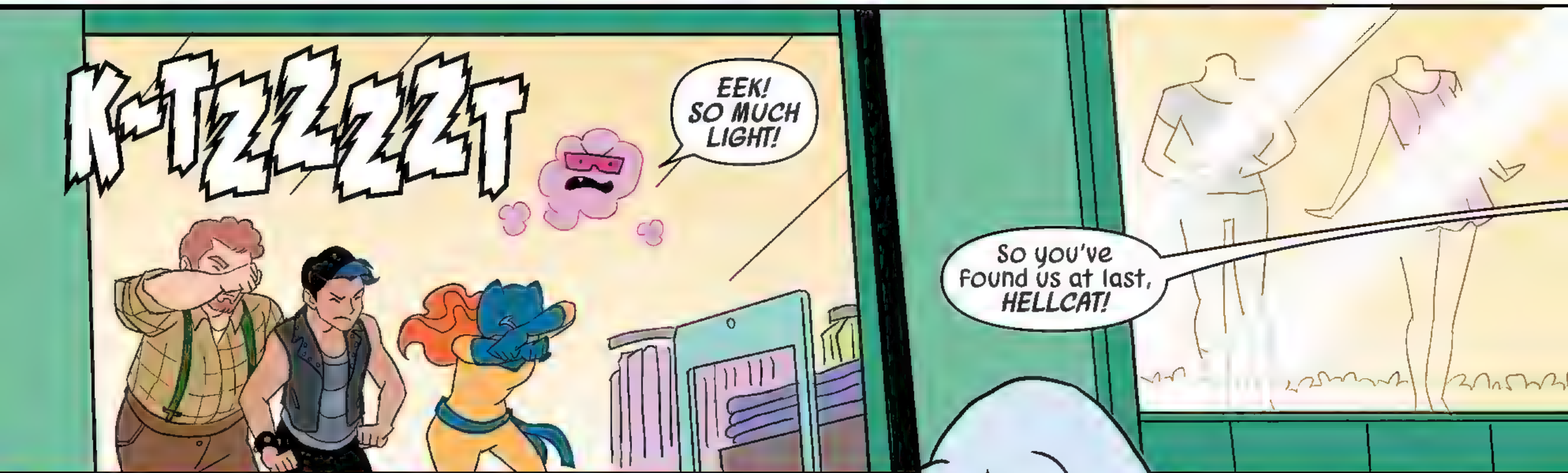
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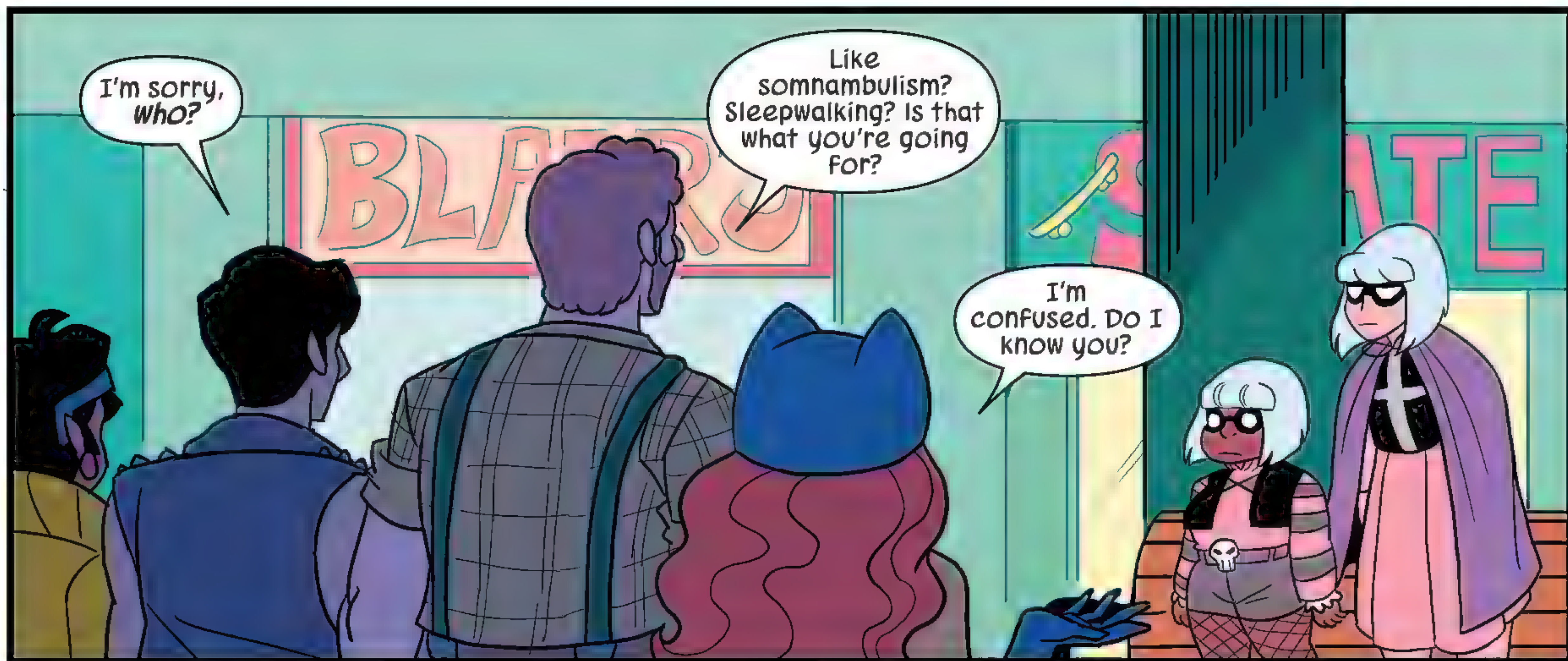
Luckily,
this old
bat still knows
a few
tricks.



Voilà.

TSS
SHHHH









Take THIS,
ALSO!



HACK
COUGH

Wait
a second...
that was just a
cheap smoke
bomb.



How do
you like THAT, you
beautiful ginger
miracle?!

HURK!



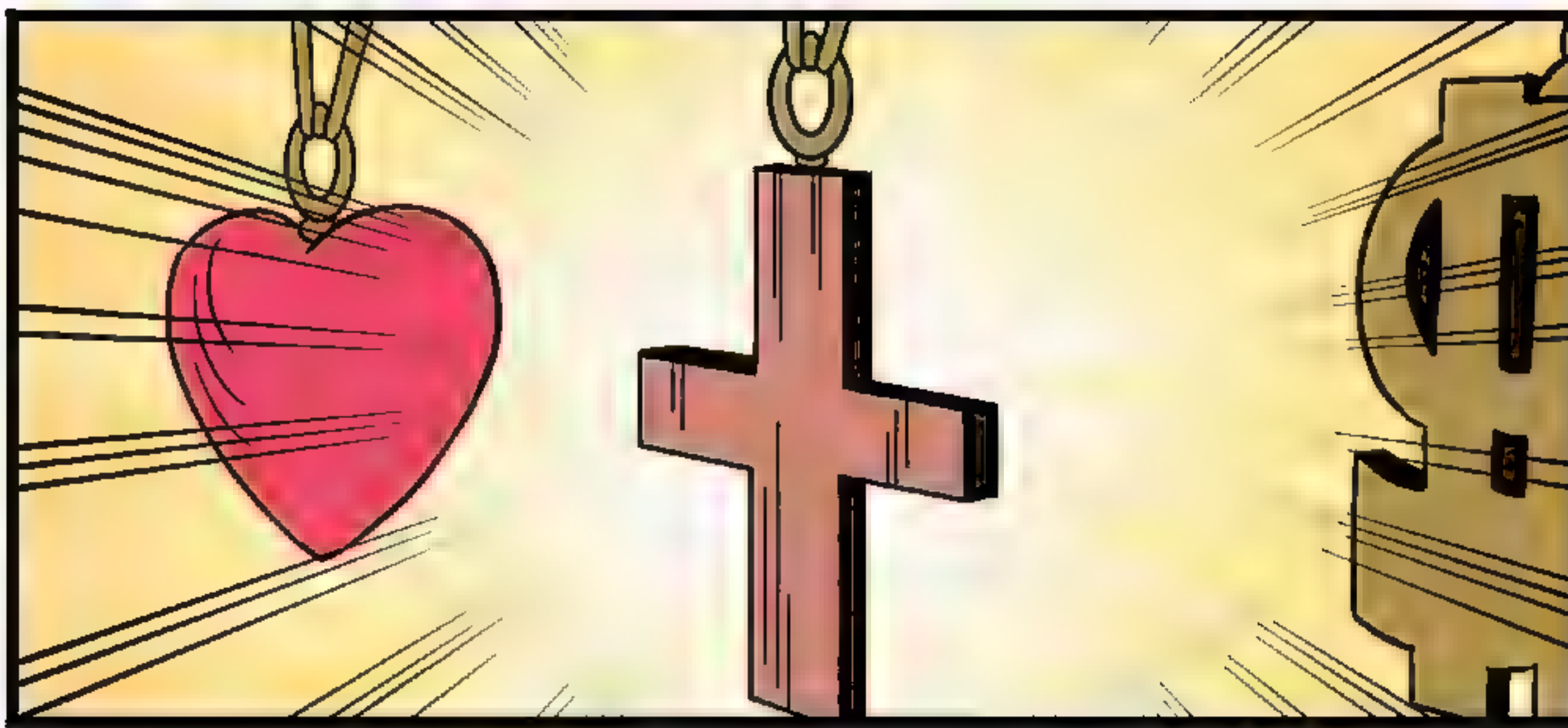
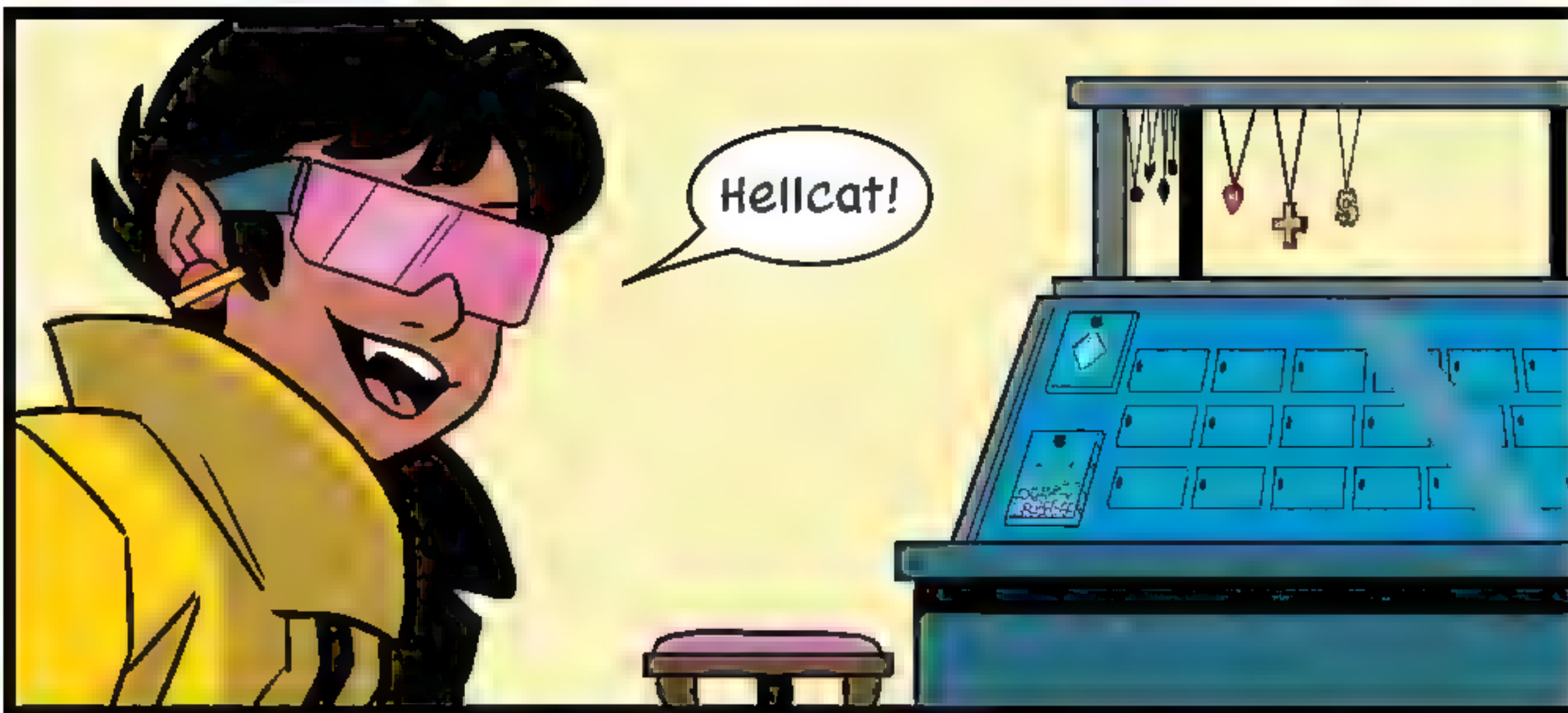
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my washboard
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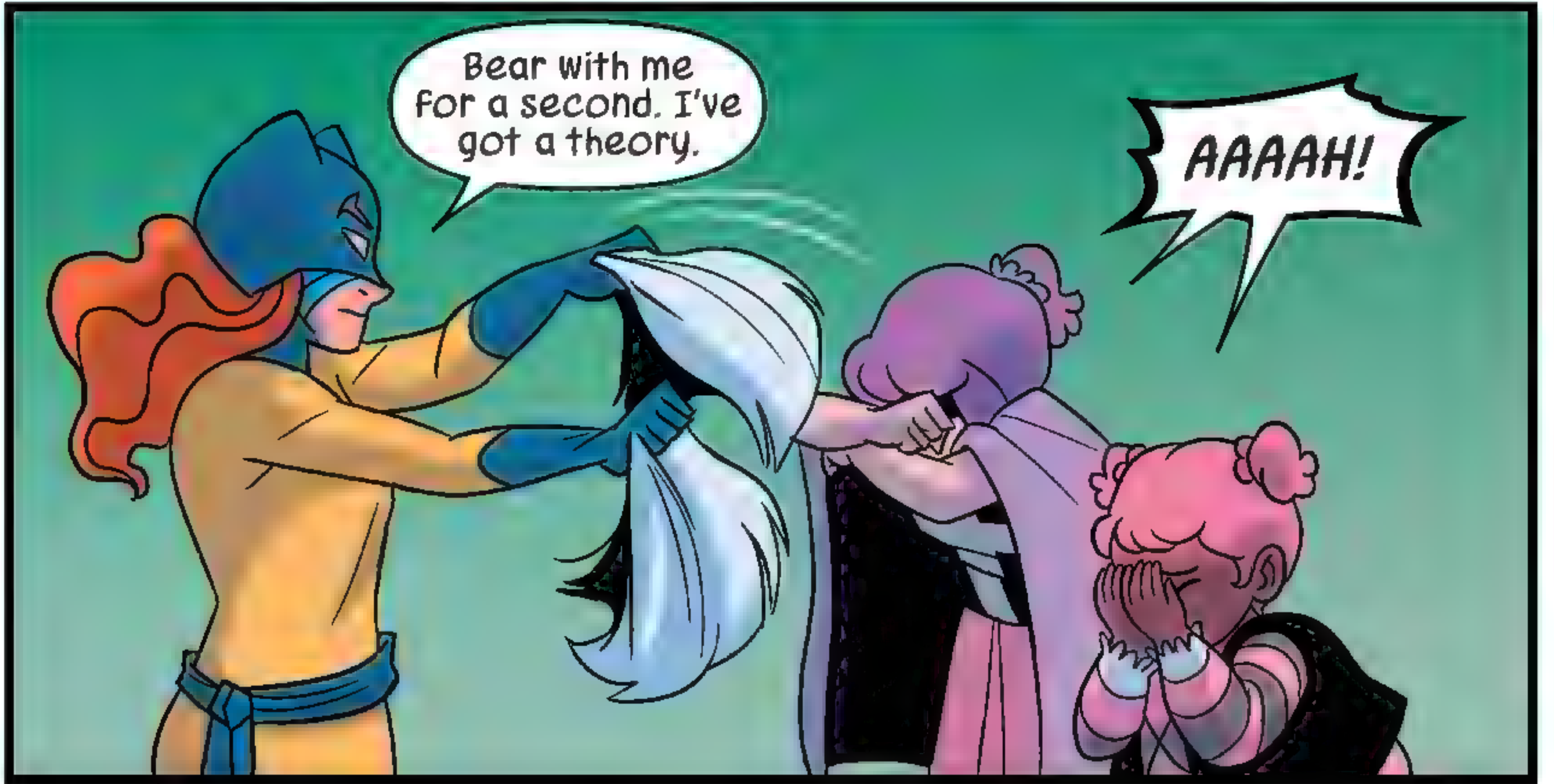
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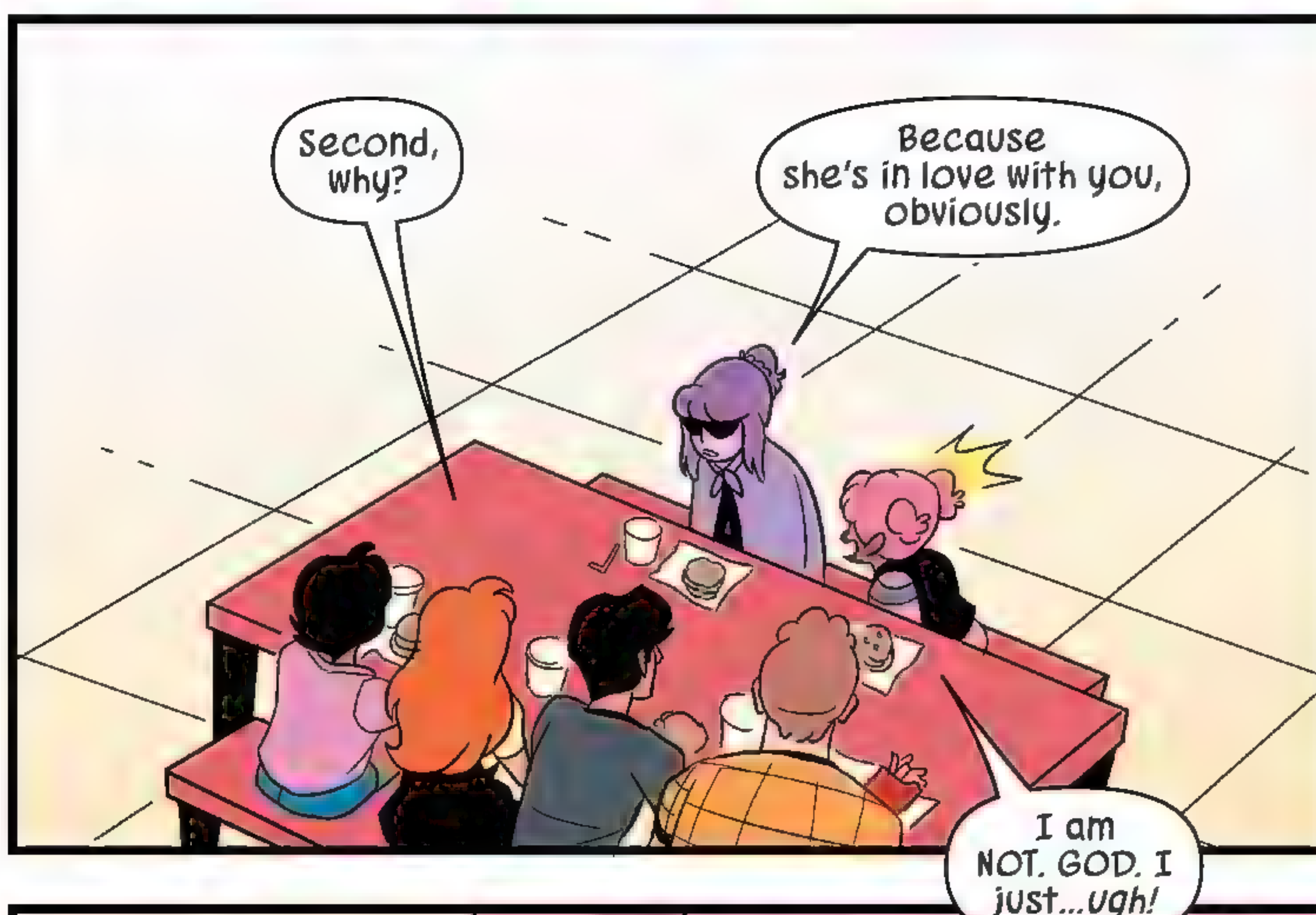


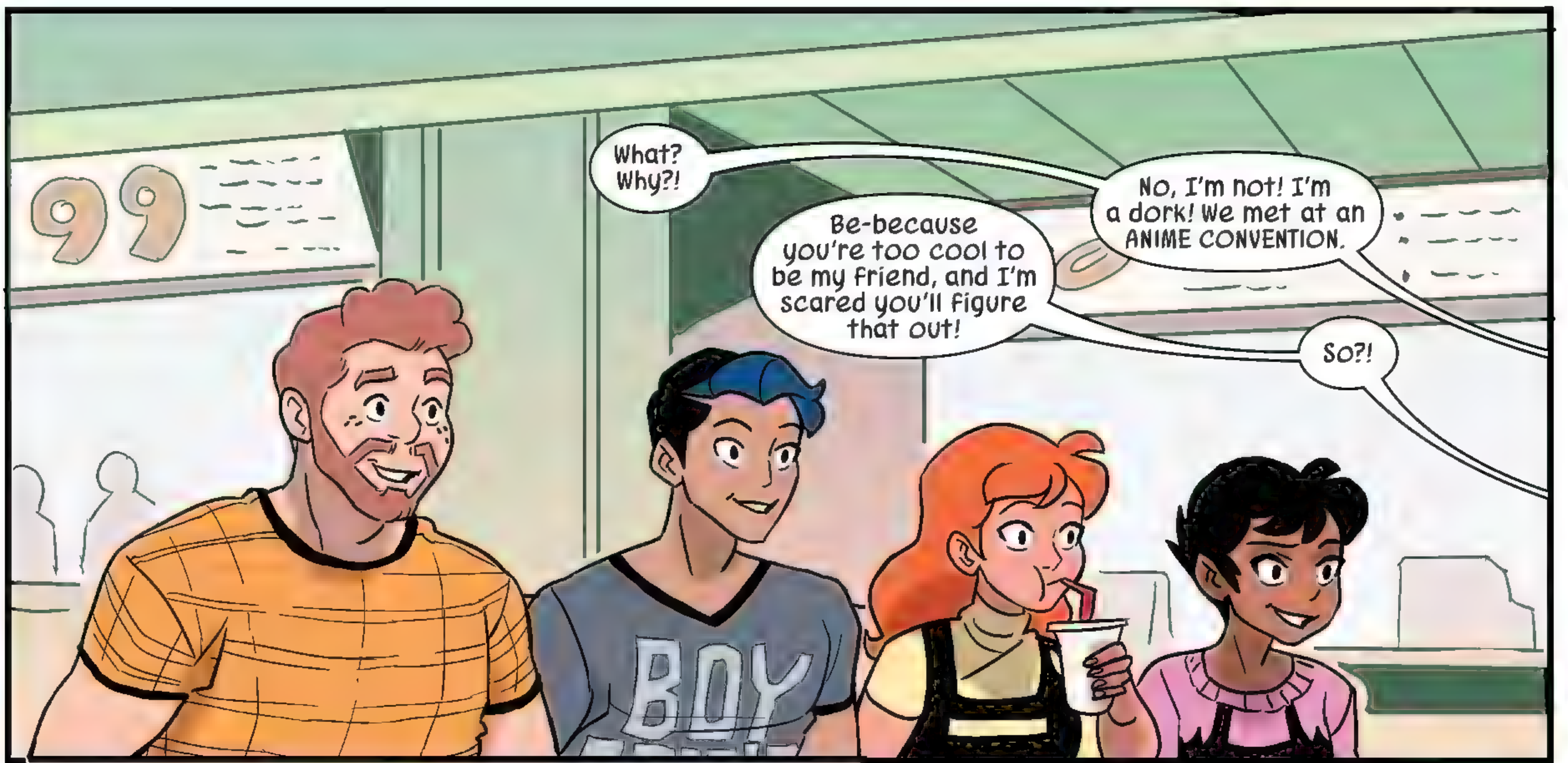
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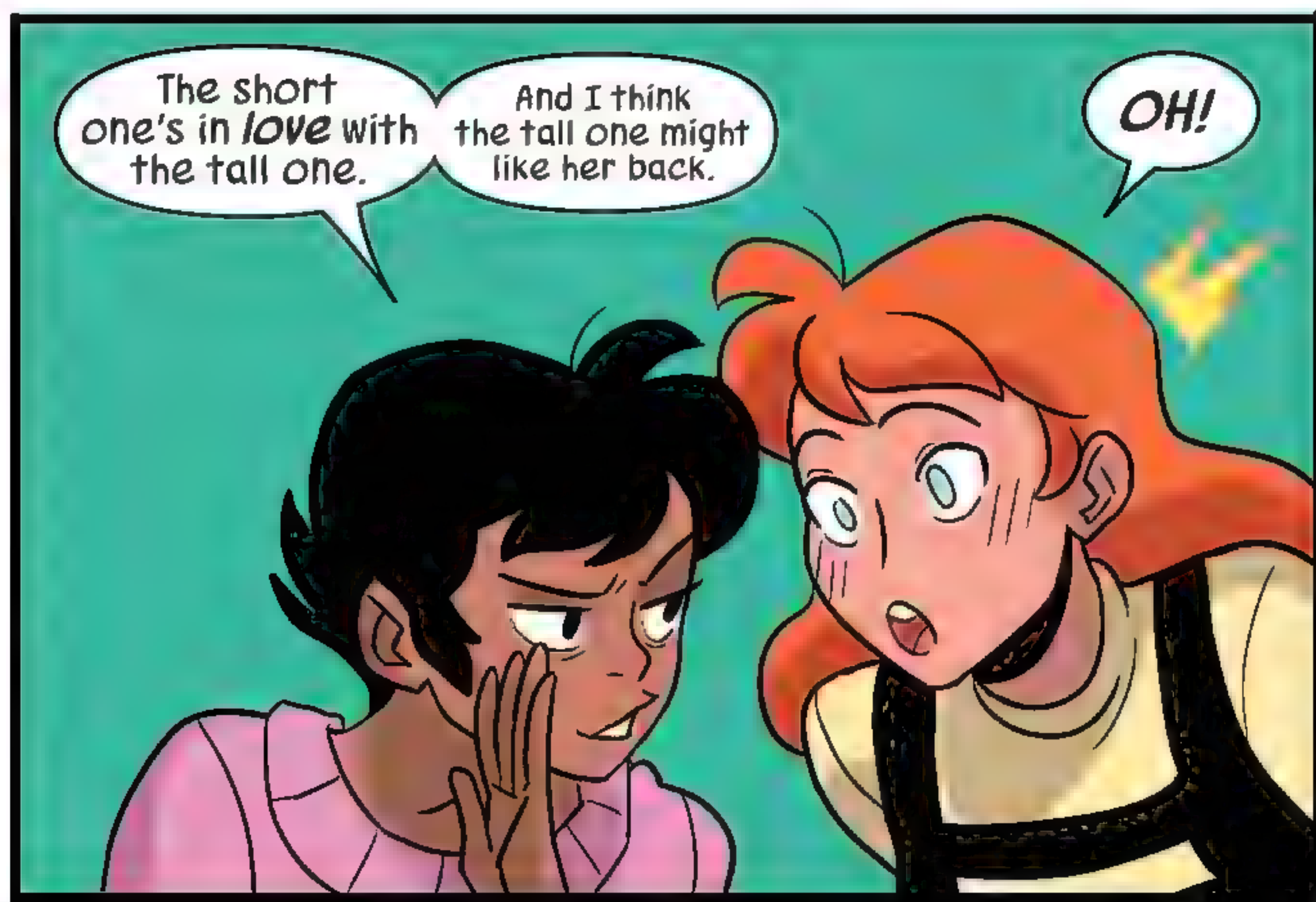
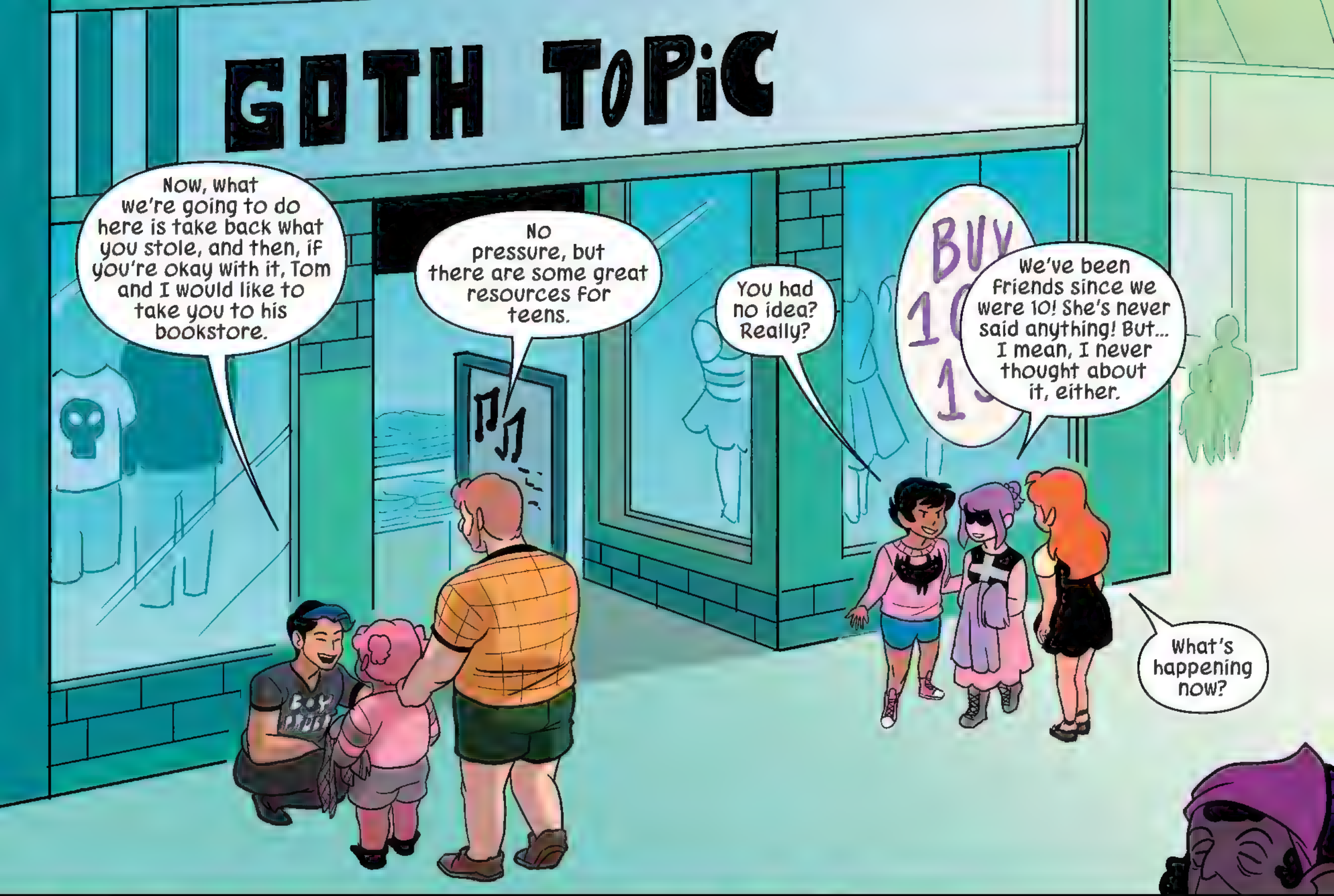


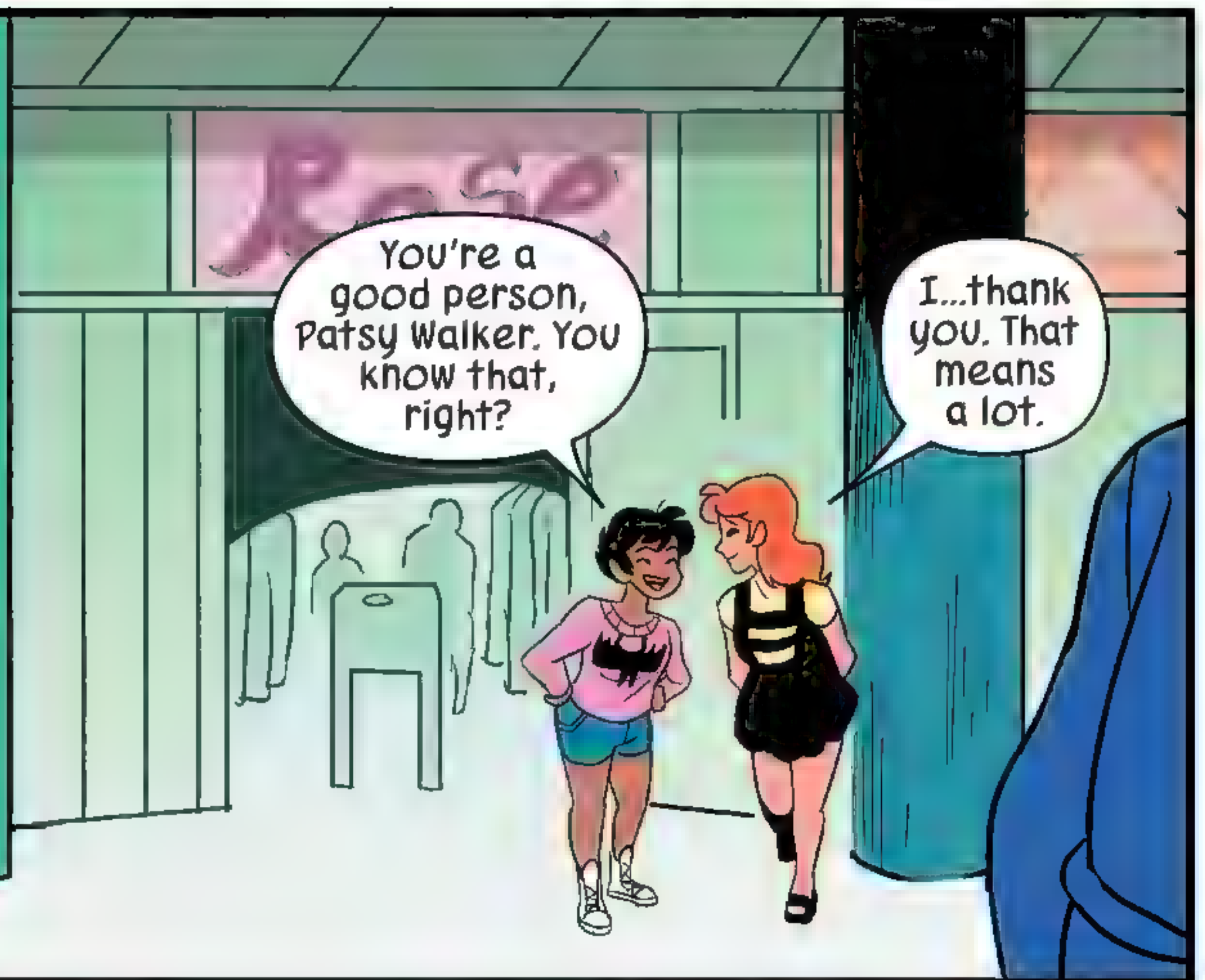
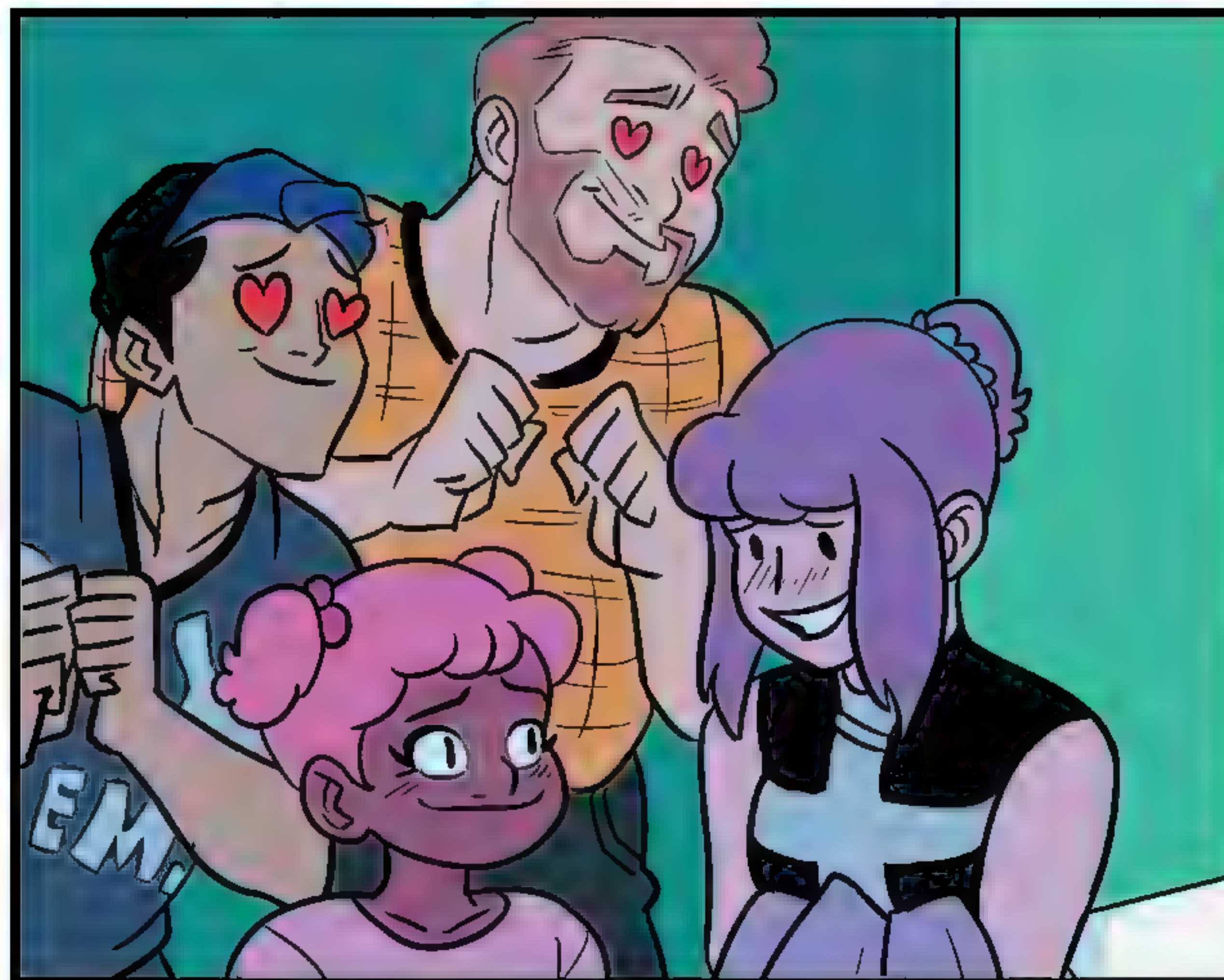






GOTH TOPIC





ARCADE

"...you're the best friends I've ever had."



THE END.



HELLO, KITTIES

Email us at mheroes@marvel.com or send mail to 135 W. 50th St., Seventh Floor, New York, NY 10020. Make sure to mark "Okay to Print"!

Hey there, Patsy readers. I'm going to turn this over to Kate, Brittney, you, and your cats, as soon as I can, but I wanted to thank all of you for taking a chance on PATSY. If it was your first comic, or your first comic like this, if you added it to a hefty pull list or subscribed to it digitally, you're the reason this sunny, heartfelt book made it this far.

**See you soon!
Kathleen**

Well, Hellkittens, as they say, that's all she wrote. Except, of course, it's not, because how could I keep myself from squeezing in a few more words here at the end? It's been an absolute honor to take on Patsy's story for 17 issues, through both comedy and tragedy. While I didn't intend for it, when Jen got injured in CIVIL WAR II, this goofy book became a reflection on grief and loss and moving on, and I'm grateful for every one of you that stuck around to read it. My whole heart goes out to Brittney, Megan, Rachelle, Clayton, Joe, Natasha, Wil, Kathleen, Jake, all our incredible cover artists, everyone who played a part in this series. I'm so happy with what we got to make together. Before I get choked up, we wanted to leave room for a bunch of your amazing letters and CATS, so let's get to it:

Dear Hellteam,

Longtime reader, first-time writer, etc., etc., but I just wanted to let you know how much I've enjoyed all the work you've all done on HELLCAT and give you my honest thanks.

When I heard there'd be a new HELLCAT ongoing, I knew I had to pick it up, because the existence of books like these is really important to me. Since then it's been a constant favorite, even as my comic habit has grown and expanded, for its distinctive writing and art, its fierce commitment to lady-centric, queer and inclusive adventure, and the evident love that goes into every issue. It's been a wild ride, taking in guest artists, vampire ex-X-Men, groaningly good puns, and what I thought was the most poignant issue of all the CIVIL WAR II tie-ins, and I'll be sad to see it go.

All that remains to be said is that I wish everyone involved with the book great success in their own ongoing adventures, and, rest assured, each of you has earned a reader for life in me.

Thank you for everything,
TC Mangan
London, UK

Hello, PWAH! Team,

HELLCAT has been my gateway comic and although I am sad it is coming to an end, I am so glad that I found it!!

I first heard about the comic when Kate visited Glasgow Comic Con in 2016. I was there with a friend who is a huge fan of HAWKEYE, as David Aja was there too. I had only dabbled in comics beforehand but after sitting listening to the panel about music and comics, I was sold! Too shy to go up to the HELLCAT table at my first comic con, I took note of the name and dropped by the local comic store afterward, and thus began my love of A.K.A. HELLCAT!

At that time last year, I was going through a rough patch. I had recently lost my job, but then so had Patsy. Although doing better and back at work now, I am still dealing with anxiety and mental health issues, very similar to what Patsy describes to #15's Mr. Sniffles. The stories of A.K.A. HELLCAT have been encouraging and I still can't get over the *Hamilton* reference!!

The artwork and coloring are all amazing and stood out from what else was on the shelf. A super

hero comic, yes, but so down-to-earth! I have loved how relatable yet wacky A.K.A. HELLCAT has been. Thank you all so much! This letter would be a book if I continued to gush over all the ways I love the comic and how it has helped me through some hard times.

Kindest regards and wishing all the best for the future.

Nicola

P.S. If the PWAH! team are ever in Glasgow/UK again, I'll be there with bells on!

I am a new fan to comic books, but I have fallen hard for HELLCAT! The characters, the stories, and the art have all won me over. I have three kitties of my own, four if you count this one! She can't read yet, but loves to have me tell her and her twin brother about all the heroes. It's great to have awesome female heroes like Hellcat to share with her.

Keep up the amazing work!

Mindy Gonzalez
Provo, UT



Dear PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT! creative team,

I would just like to express my gratitude towards you for including Jubilee in the most recent issues of your very well-made and extremely funny ongoing title.

I have been an ardent fan of Jubilee ever since her first appearance, and make a point of collecting every issue in which she appears, but have found that over the past decade the writing of her character became quite hit-and-miss, with most failing to capture her personality particularly well. The character sometimes slipped into becoming "Jubilee-in-name-only," exacerbating her prevailing reputation as a "lame" character with lame powers.

Your inclusion of Jubilee has breathed new life into her, with the tone of your writing and artwork fitting perfectly with her genuine attitude and humorous dialogue. I very much hope that Patsy keeps Jubilation on staff for a long time to come and the ongoing series continues to be recognized for the uniquely wonderful title that it is.

If I may make one suggestion, I think your series would be an ideal vehicle for resolving a minor loose thread in Jubilee's history. You may recall that in the introduction to issue five of the JUBILEE miniseries, joking mention is made of how Jubilee was involved in a "galactic adventure," trying to protect her favorite clothing store from being overtaken by space aliens, being married to an alien prisoner named Thorak, then having her memory wiped before being returned to Earth.

I think that the PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT! title would be the ideal vehicle for a story that made this throwaway joke reference actually true, so if you are ever stuck for a short, self-contained, Jubilee-centric storyline to fill a

single issue, I would strongly suggest making use of the obscure reference. I imagine it would impress fans of Jubilee like me immensely.

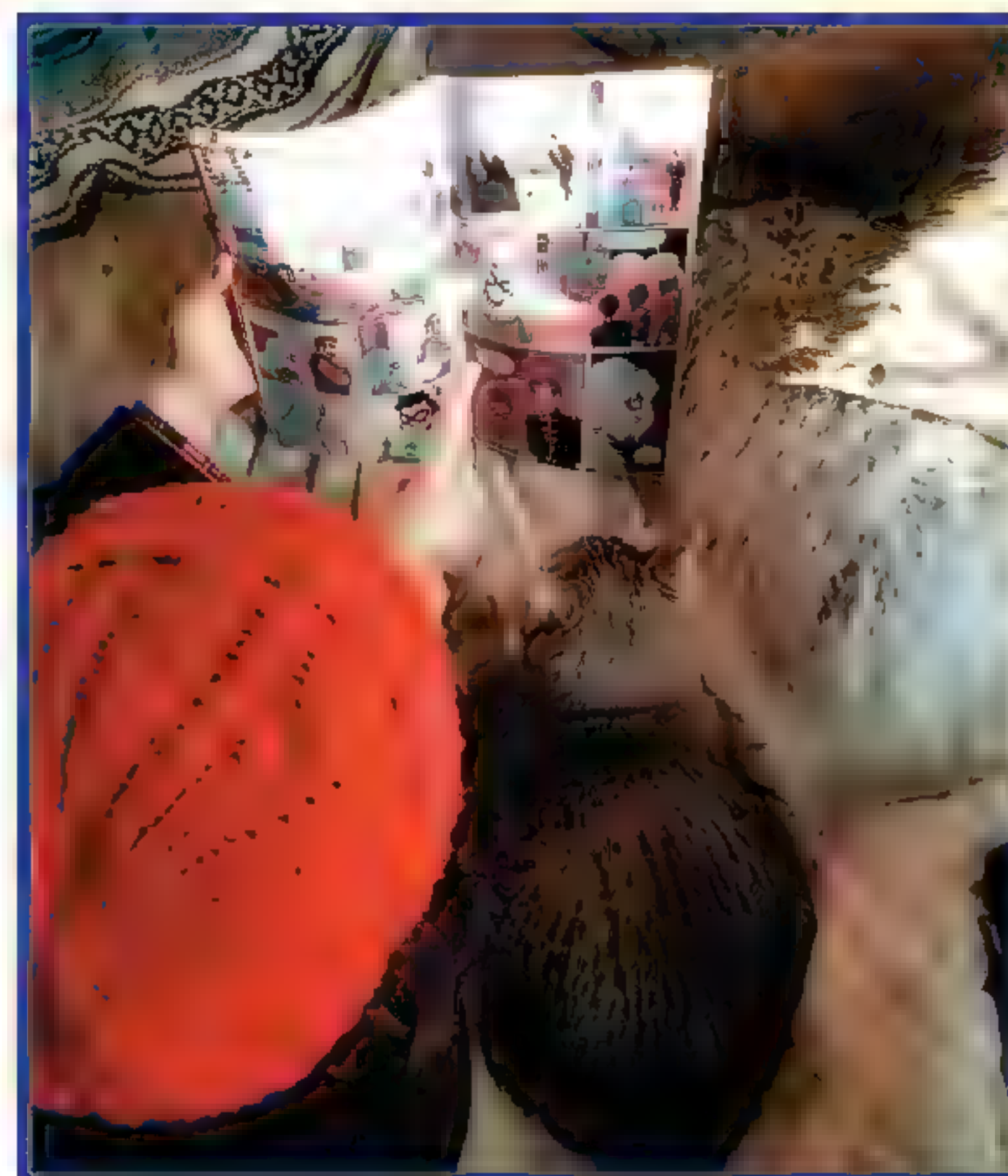
Yours sincerely,
Casby

P.S. The issue #15 depiction of Jubilee as a frowny mist wearing sunglasses while fleeing from a giant wasp has instantly become one of my favorite images of her ever. The vampire transformation was worth it just to give rise to that specific panel!

Hello, Team HELLCAT!!

For your viewing pleasure, a photo of me and my kitty, Missy a.k.a. Scritchies, reading the comic. We just love Patsy and the gang! We almost love all the cat puns even more... Keep up with the meow-velous work!

Jennifer
Pompton Plains, NJ



Dear Kate Leth and the HELLCAT Team,

I just wanted to start by saying that this current HELLCAT run is one of my favorite ongoing series I have ever read. I am so sad that after issue #17 we won't get any more, but I am so glad to have had as great a time reading it as I did. Really an amazing series. My cute little Hellkitten loves the series as well. His name is Mr. Burns, and as you can see in the picture, he's a big fan. Thanks for making such a great series, and I look forward to reading whatever you create next!

Thanks for everything,
Sam
Salt Lake City, UT



Oh man, PATSY WALKER, A.K.A. HELLCAT! is getting canceled. What a bummer. Or, to turn it around, I can't believe we're getting 17 issues of one of the most delightfully offbeat, creative,

and fun-filled comics that Marvel has ever produced. I really appreciate Marvel's willingness to try different things over the past couple of years, especially when it comes to female protagonists, but now I just wish the sales would support them!

I will miss Patsy's adventures greatly. I was there when she found the Hellcat suit in the AVENGERS, I was there throughout all of her adventures with the Defenders, and I have always loved the strong friendships she developed with her pals like Val and Shulkie. Now her new group of offbeat friends is headed toward limbo. I truly hope to see them all again.

But most importantly I want to send a big thank you out to Kate Leth, Brittney L. Williams, and team for such an incredibly fun ride. PATSY WALKER has been on the top of my must-read list for over a year, and I will miss it. Thanks for bringing it to all of us in the first place.

Sincerely,
Michael & Parker
Boston, MA



Ugh please no, this can't be the end. But anyway, I want to thank you girls for all your wonderful work on this series. This is actually the first regular series I picked up, so thank you as well for introducing me to the comic world and the greater Marvel Universe; I will always hold this book dear to my heart. This is a book unlike any other--I've laughed and cried with Patsy and the gang. But all and all, it's been a fun ride.

And even if this book was meant for a younger, female audience, as a boy I loved it and I'll never be ashamed to accept it. I wish you all successful and happy careers and lives, and I'll be looking out for all your new work.

As a proper sendoff I would like to show you guys my Patsy fan art.

Have a Happy Valentine's Mas,

Love,
Tony



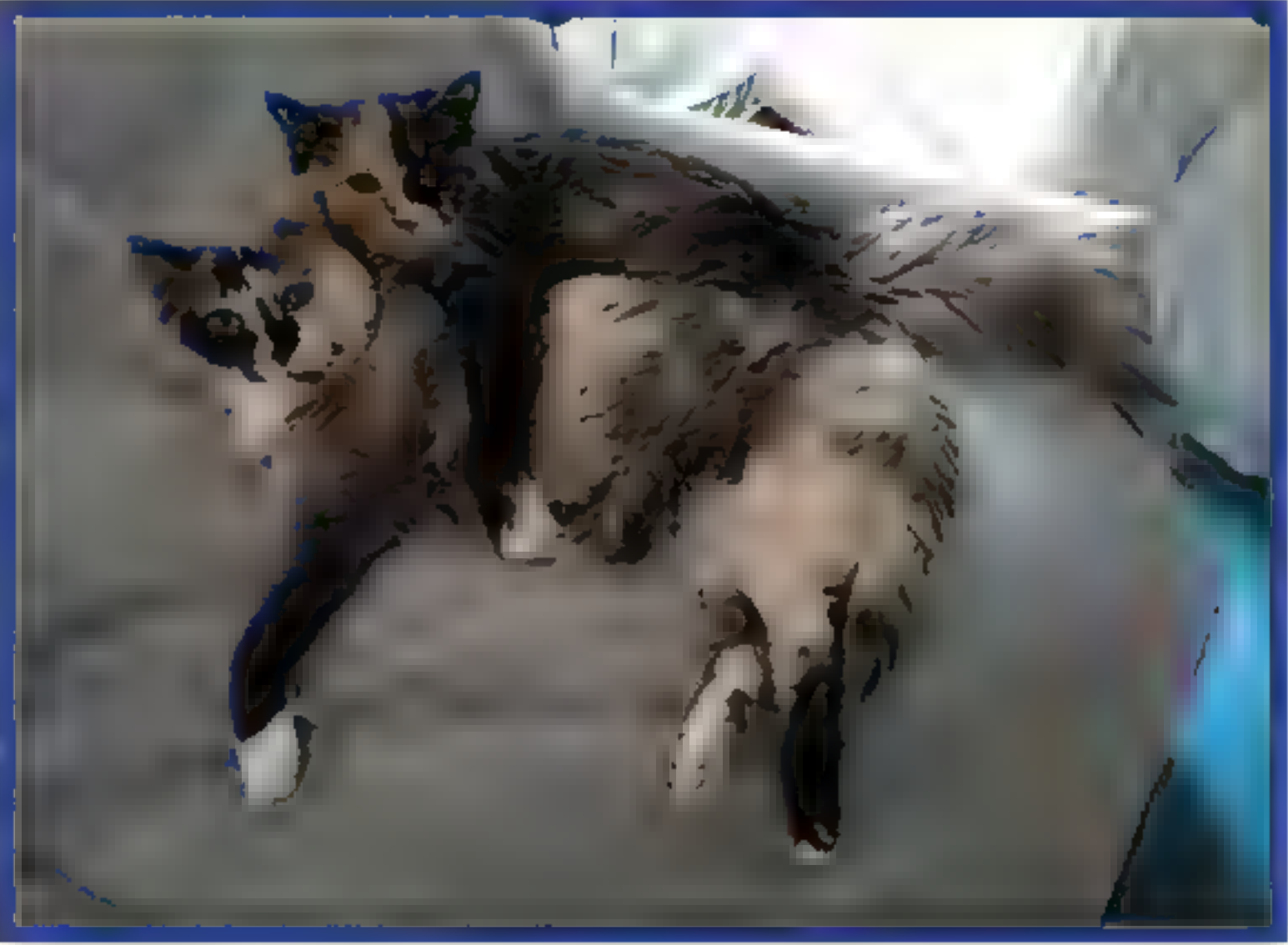
Dear wonderful HELLCAT Team,

So very bummed to hear your book is coming to an end. Thank you for creating such a fun, inclusive, and entertaining comic; it will be sorely missed. Here's a pic of Rahne and Amara, my two

17-year-old Hellcat sisters named after a couple of NEW MUTANTS faves.

My best to you all for the future!

Patrick Allen
NYC



Hey, HELLCAT Crew!

Just finished issue #16 and I wanted to say how much I've dug the series! I've been on the HELLCAT train since the first issue--picking up many of the variant covers along the way--and I, along with Tiger Lily and Ambrosia, were sorry to hear that it would be ending with issue #17. But you've done right by Patsy, and I want to say thank you for the fun ride!

It was cool meeting you and Brittney at Comic Con, Kate. Thanks for signing my books. I look forward to the fantastic finale that the HELLCAT Crew will send our way!

Chris Shelton
Ramona, CA

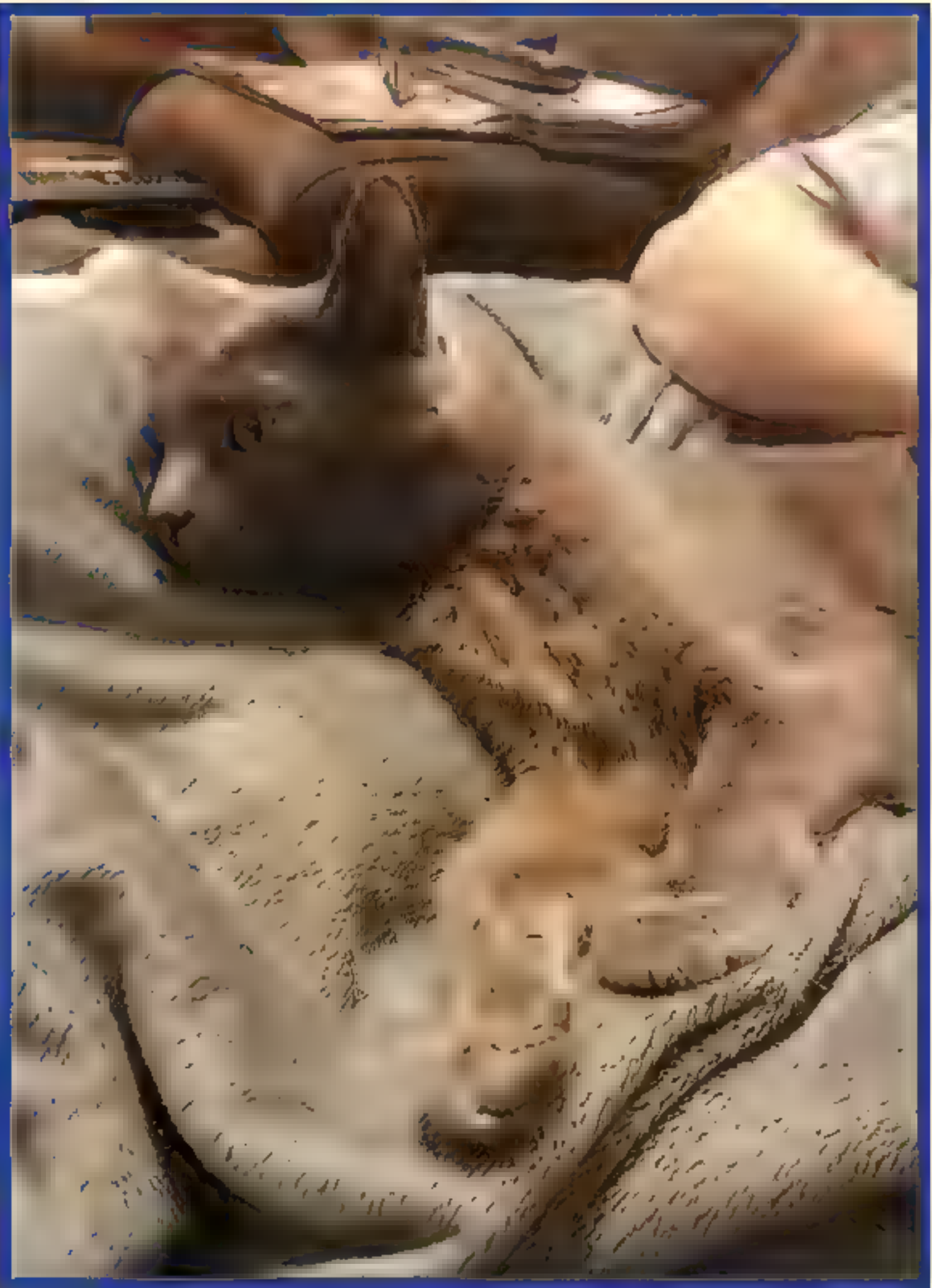
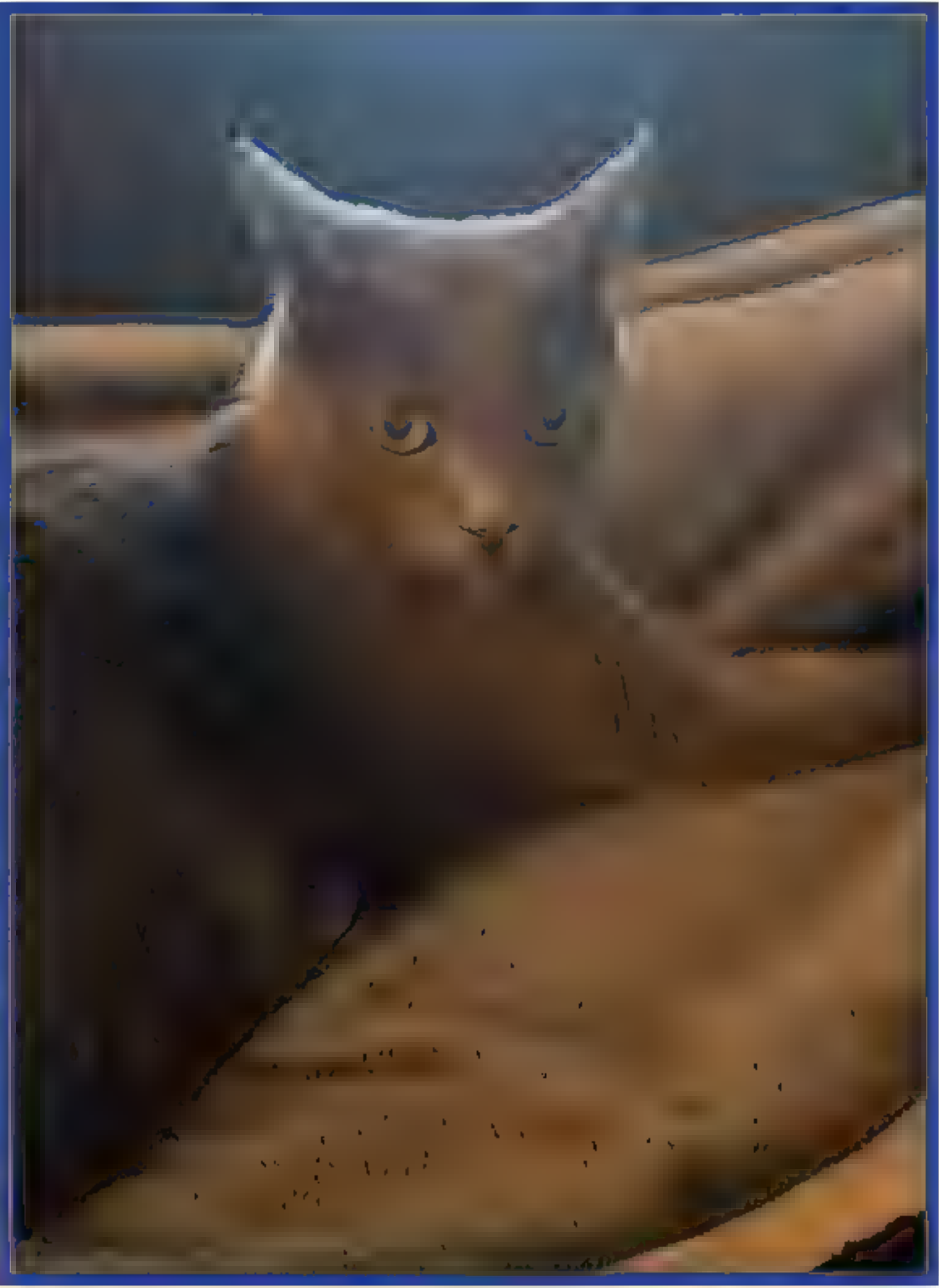


I just finished HELLCAT #16 and I am so sad it's ending! This has been one of my favorite books for its great cast, art, and story.

Could there at least be a book devoted to the adventures of Danielle and Shogo (GREAT cover!)?

Couldn't finish without sending you photos of my fur babies: Dash and Jasmine!

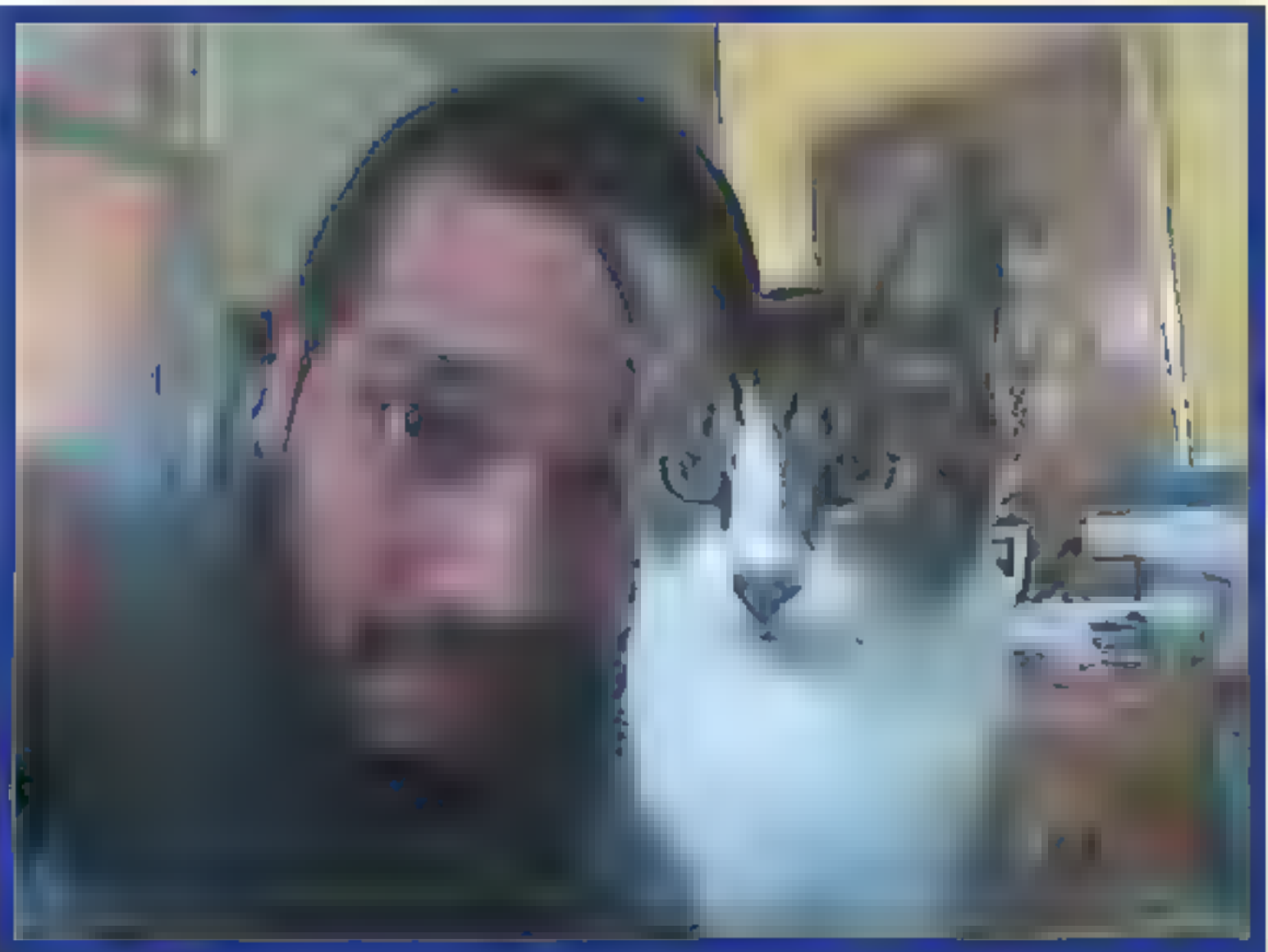
Thanks for all the awesomeness,
Dori Roth



Dear HELLCAT Team,

I've been meaning to write and send a photo of one or both of my cats, and since I'm a horrible procrastinator I put it off until I found out the next issue is the last! I can't believe it. This series means so much to me. You brought all of my favorite things together: the mystic side of Marvel (Hellstrom! Casiolena!), mastermind female villains (Hedy! Black Cat!), diverse heroes (Jubilee! AMERICA!!!), a great supporting cast (Ian and Tom, AHHH!!!), and real love between Patsy and her friends (the comatose Jen scene...). I'll probably cry when I read the last issue; I mean, look at how sad me and my cat Kiwi are reading the letters page in issue #16! But know that you, Kate and Brittney and Rachelle and everyone else on the team, created a series that truly made a difference in this young, queer Latino's life.

Thank you for everything,
Andrés and Kiwi
Puerto Rico



Hi, Kate, Britney, Rachelle, and crew,

Thanks for HELLCAT--I've bought and read all of your run and I've been thinking something for a few months and not gotten around to telling you, so it's time to get on with it... Back in the '90s, Trina Robbins came to London and gave a presentation on women in comics history. I'd encountered the idea that women were left out of history before this, but it landed in quite a different way looking at all these slides of comics I'd like to have read and hearing her stories of these women's work and lives. As someone who likes comics and who's interested in its history, I felt cheated. It also made the idea more alive for me in the rest of my life, how everything's worse when most people are ignored. I've been thinking about all this over the last few months when I've been reading this chunk of fun you've been delivering. It's a microcosm of how inclusion's good for us all--I get to read super hero comics that feel fresh to me, Marvel gets my money (which it's got less of recently with its "core" characters--I seem to reread Kirby/Ditko/Lee etc. more than the recent stuff), and you get readers who follow you to other books, at least some of which I hope will be with Marvel. It makes sense to celebrate your and Erica Henderson and Amy Reeder and G. Willow Wilson and everyone else's work, but there's that cautionary part of

Trina’s work where women can have success and then be treated as though they were never there. So, thanks and putting a bit of a spin on an old favorite.

Make Marvel Mine!

David Morris

Dear PATSY WALKER A.K.A. HELLCAT! Team,

This is Alfador, and he is terribly, inconsolably sad to hear that this amazing book will be ending next month. At the same time, he wants me to thank you for all the joy and laughter it has brought into my/his life.

As someone who doesn’t pick up a whole lot of Marvel books (pretty much this, X-MEN ‘92 and POE DAMERON), this title has been a shining example to point to, demonstrating something so often missing from comics. Something you’d think would be essential and obvious, elementary: FUN.

Alfy and I cannot thank you enough, and hope to see more from you in the very near future. More of Patsy popping up elsewhere, hopefully not having lost the charm you’ve imbued her with, and more of your unique brand of creativity on new titles.

Gratefully,
Ian Jones & Alfador Ruhnke



Dear Kate, Brittney, and the rest of the HELLCAT Team,

The message in the letters column of issue #16 compelled me to finally write in, to maybe get a word in for the last issue. I saw the news that the series would be ending first on Twitter, and though I was hoping maybe it was a joke, I know it’s not the case. It makes me feel really sad, and I’m not exaggerating when I tell anyone who will listen that this is the comic I look forward to the most every month. When I first heard of the series I was drawn to its creators, and the premise of trying to create a temp agency for super heroes. I thought that would be really cool, to have something like that in the world of villains and super powers. I stayed for the amazing art and wonderful writing; it’s pure joy to read each new issue. I really don’t want it to end, but I’m glad the end is coming cohesively, on your terms. I don’t think there will be anything quite like this series to fill the void, but this does make me want to buy all the trades so I can have them on my bookshelf and reread them all the time. Thank you, sincerely, for creating such a fantastic series, and I wish you all well in whatever the future holds.

Warmest regards,
Ari S.
Omaha, NE

I just finished issue #16, and I’m not sure if

this’ll make it before #17 goes to print, but I’m darn well going to try. HELLCAT has been my favorite comic since its release. The welcoming art style, the vibrant colors, the variety of characters on every page, the positivity that pours out despite these trying times. I love it all, and I’m incredibly sad to see it go. I’m so thankful you made this thing that could always brighten my day, even on the gloomiest ones. And thank you for being unapologetically queer. I’m not being nearly as articulate as I want to be, but that’s what you get when you rush to write a letter at 10 pm. Thank you all so much. I will sign off with a picture of my dear Olivia.

Sarah



Dear HELLCAT Team,

I am sorry to see the book end. This has been such a fun ride. I have to admit that I had my reservations at first because of the art style of the book being so different, but it won me over. HELLCAT had great diverse characters. I hope Patsy and the gang will show up again sometime soon. Ian and Tom’s relationship was adorable. I have always been a fan of Patsy and I am sure that I will see her again. Maybe she can join a new A-FORCE (shameless plug for you to bring that book back). Also, heck, bring back Hellcat’s solo book as soon as possible.

Thanks for the enjoyable read,
Charlie

Dear Kitties,

From the very start of this volume of HELLCAT, it has been at the top of my pull list. I am very sad to see the series end. I absolutely love your Patsy. She’s a ball of sunshine, so paw-sitive and unfailingly kind. I admire her for trying to make the world a better place, and helping other powered beings who aren’t interested in playing hero, because she understands what it is like to want a different life for herself. Patsy’s friendships with people around her are SO important to me. In particular, her friendship with Jen is my favorite, and that CIVIL WAR II tie-in was heartbreaking and spectacular. Thank you for this purr-fect series! It has been incredible getting to know Patsy and her wonderful, colorful world. I hope that we will get to see more of her in the near future.

Love always,
Cordelia Yeung
Hong Kong

To the wonderful folks on Team Patsy,

So I heard that the series is ending. And 17 issues is a pretty good run, but it still breaks my heart a little bit. It feels sort of like losing a friend. I run a shop in Oregon called Pegasus Books (stop by if you’re ever in Bend), and I see how important all-ages comics, and titles created by and for women, POC, and LGBT+ individuals are, and PWAH! is all of those, which is pretty amazing. At first I saw these books as a great way to reach new readers. I didn’t initially realize how important they would be to me. I’m a guy, but I was raised by

a single mother and grew up with mostly female role models. So even though I love comics and super heroes, I find the toxic masculinity of some books frustrating and boring. It meant so much to have this series that was all about friendship and belonging, and celebrating real, human victories, which I think all cape and tights books should strive to do. And then you used the book to talk about bisexual discrimination, which I deeply appreciated. And you fit in some of my favorite oddball characters like Howard and Jubilee. Kate wrote them thoughtfully, and Brittney drew them adorably. This book became my monthly self-care package through a challenging time. It helped me deal with personal issues and make sense of a world gone mad. And while HAWKEYE has stepped up to fill the void left behind (shout-out to Kelly Thompson, Leonardo Romero, and especially Jordie Bellaire on colors--y’all are killin’ it!), I will miss HELLCAT terribly. I’m so grateful to everyone who contributed to the series, and to my partner Ashley for pointing it out to me. I love you all; I sincerely mean that.

Cameron Saunders
Bend, OR

And Supervising Editor Jake Thomas’ cats wanted to say goodbye, too! Here’s Finn and Marceline showing their HELLCAT pride.



And that’s a wrap. Catch the last collection this summer and share it with a friend, a crush, a gal pal. We’ll miss you. Until our next adventure... I’ll see you at the mall.

Kate

Thanks for reading our book, and looking at my drawings!!! You cats are great (and so are your humans, I suppose)!

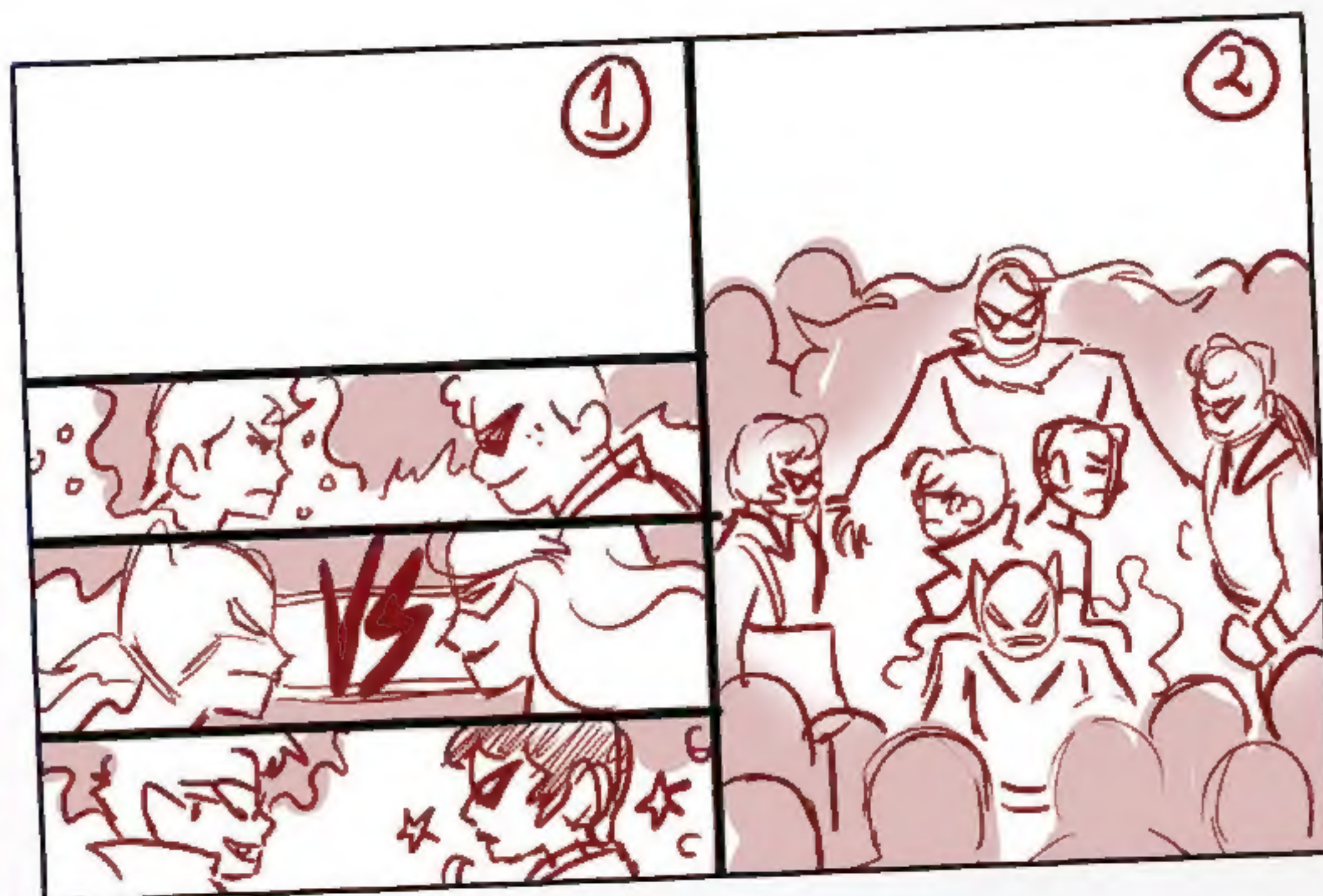
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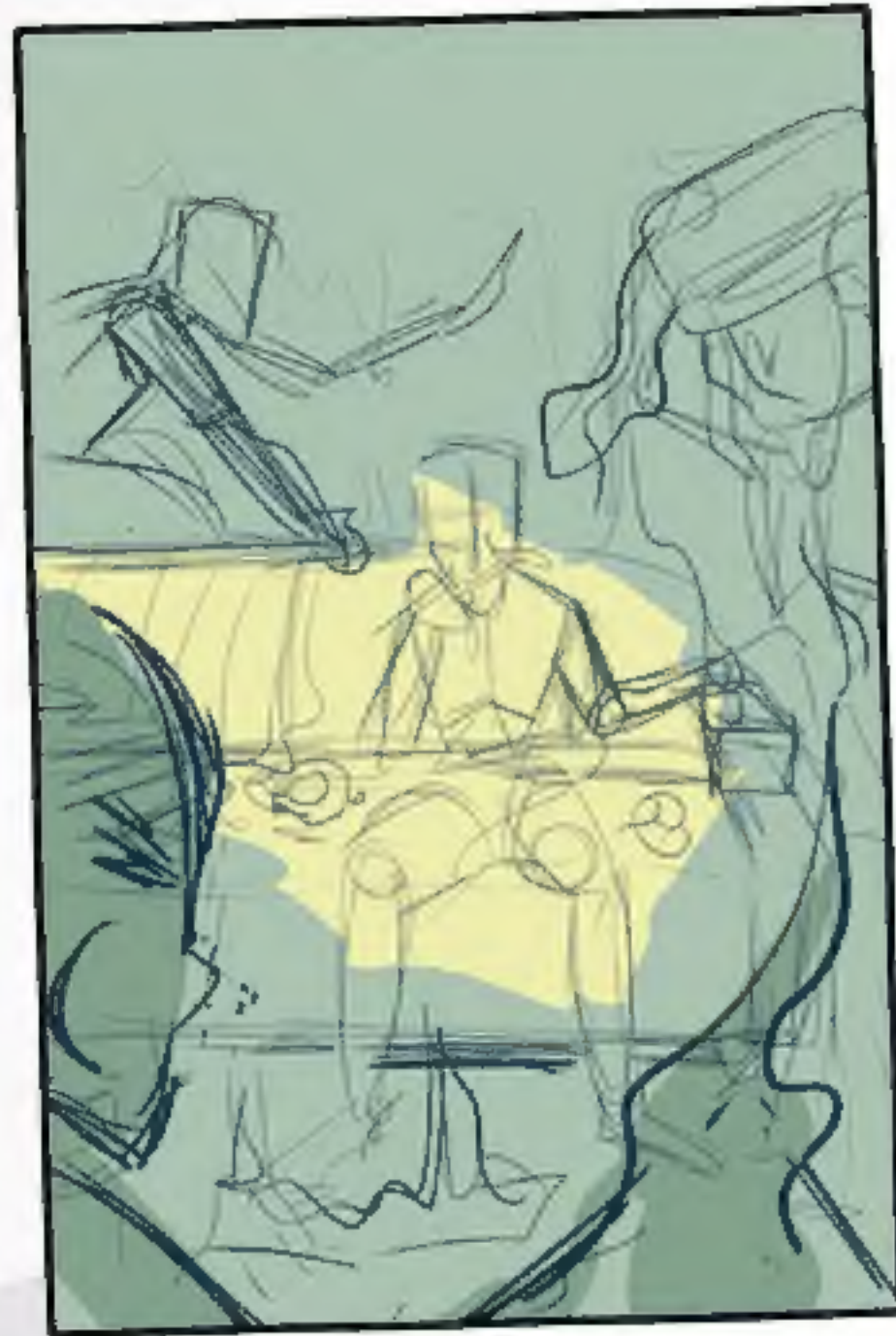
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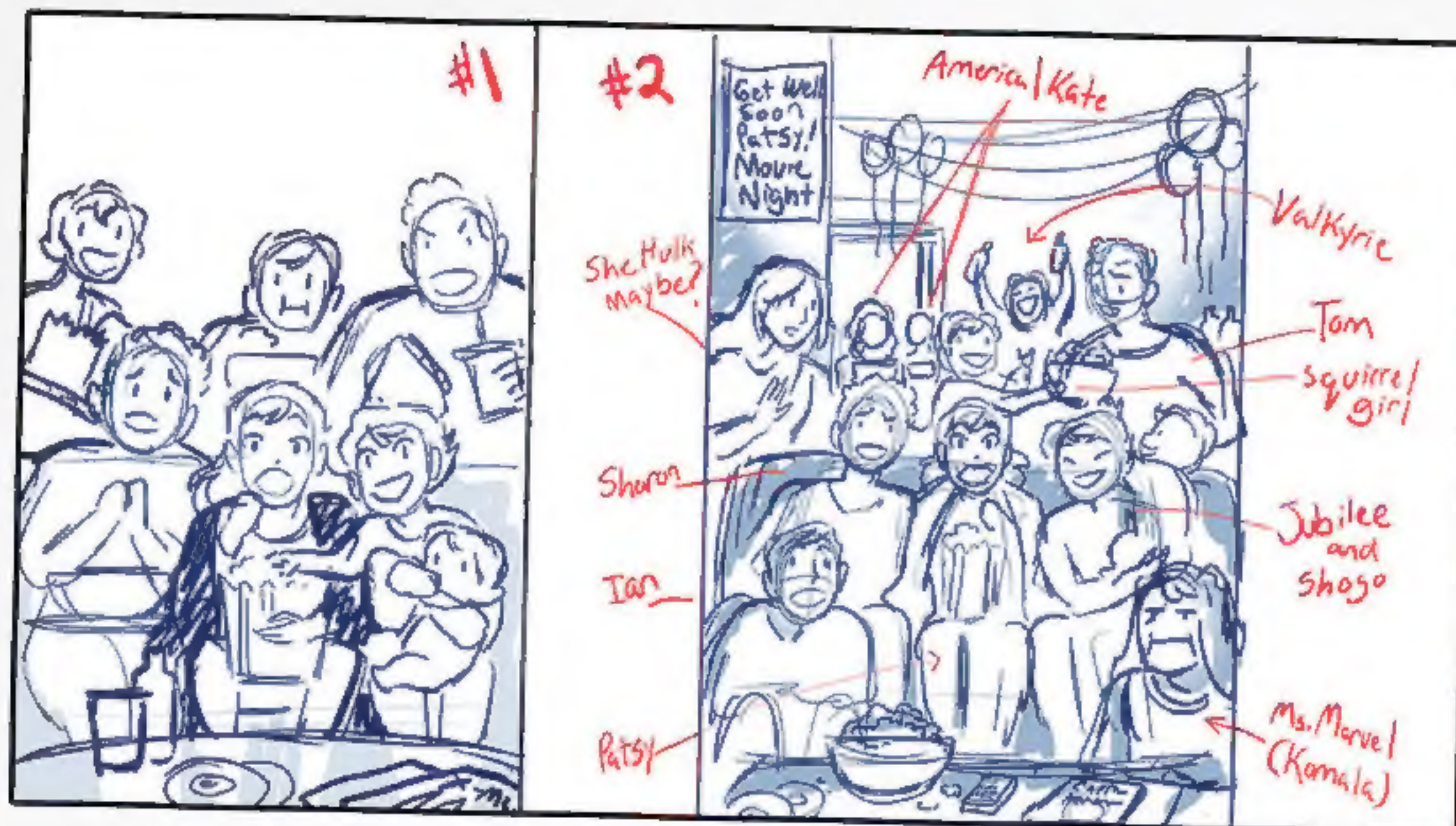


Halloween Cover!!





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#16 & 17 SKETCHES BY **Brittney L. Williams**



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HELLCAT HAS HAD NOTHING BUT BAD LUCK EVER SINCE **THE BLACK CAT CROSSED HER PATH.**

AND NOW THAT Felicia's got a whole girl gang in her claws, how can Patsy possibly win this cat fight?! Find out in the big showdown – *gato a gato!* Then, Patsy will be laid low by sickness – but this is far from a common cold! Is she having fever dreams or living nightmares? As chaos breaks out all over Brooklyn, Hellcat must rely on her nearest and dearest to put out the fires – and make soup! All she wants is to get better and hang out with Jubilee at the mall: swing by the food court, catch a movie, share a fashion montage. Certainly there'd be no fighting villains. What would a villain possibly be doing at the mall? Uh-oh!

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